



Personnel – General

CIVIL AIR PATROL UNIFORM MANUAL

This manual describes the various Civil Air Patrol (CAP) uniform items and how they will be worn.

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CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

1-1. Policy. CAP members are authorized to wear a uniform similar to that of the U.S. Air Force. Civil Air Patrol uses distinctive emblems, insignia and badges to identify the uniform as CAP. Differences between the Air Force and CAP uniforms are as prescribed by the Commander, CAP-USAF, with the approval of Headquarters USAF. See tables 1-1 through 1-3 for information on wearing the uniform, dress and appearance, where to purchase uniform items and grooming standards. Table 1-4 describes items that may be authorized by wing/region commanders. COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PUBLICATION IS MANDATORY. Any variation from this publication is not authorized. NOTE: CAPMart may sell items that are not authorized for wear with the USAF-style or CAP distinctive uniforms. This publication is the sole source for wear instructions and authorized items for various uniform combinations as prescribed within.

1-2. Command Responsibility. All commanders will ensure that all members, individually and collectively, present a professional, well-groomed appearance, which will reflect credit upon CAP as the auxiliary of the United States Air Force. They will ensure that all members are uniformed in accordance with the provisions of this manual, that uniform violations are promptly corrected, and the members are continually informed as to the proper wear of the uniform. The wing commander, or the commander to whom such authority is delegated by the wing commander, will prescribe the type clothing to be worn by members while flying or engaging in organized recreational activities. (The region commander will prescribe wear policy for members of the region headquarters).

1-3. Definition of Terms:

- a. Officer: As used in this publication, includes senior member grades flight officer through major general and cadet grades second lieutenant through colonel.
- b. Airman: Unless otherwise specified, includes all other members both senior and cadet.
- c. Service Uniform: The AF-style blue uniforms worn for normal duty. It excludes BDU clothing, mess dress uniforms, flight suits, CAP distinctive uniforms, sports clothing, and recreational clothing.
- d. CAP Distinctive: The uniform combinations (for example, blazer and slacks/skirt, field or utility uniform, blue flight suit) or badges, devices, etc., which are distinctive to CAP.

1-4. How to Recommend Changes to the Uniform. New or changed uniform items may not be authorized without approval of the National Commander/National Board and/or National Headquarters (except as specified in table 1-4 of this manual). Unit commanders will forward recommended changes to the uniform, accessories, or related items through channels to National Headquarters/LMM for evaluation. Suggestions not recommended for adoption by the wing or region commander should not be forwarded to National Headquarters.

Table 1-1. Wearing the Uniform			
Members:			
Wear	Do not wear	Optional	When Conducting CAP Business
X			participating in or conducting the cadet program
X			flying in CAP aircraft (corporate and member-owned aircraft used in CAP flight activity). The service uniform, BDUs, utility uniform, field uniform, CAP or AF style flight suit, CAP blazer, aviator shirt, or knit shirt uniform combinations are all authorized. The wing commander, or designee, will prescribe the type clothing to be worn by members while flying or engaging in organized recreational activities. The region commander will prescribe wear policy for members of the region headquarters.
X			senior members and cadets age 18 and older must meet CAP weight standards. See attachment 1.
	X		any USAF-style uniform if the senior member does not meet grooming (see attachment 2) or weight standards.
X			senior members not meeting weight and grooming standards may wear CAP distinctive uniforms with military grade insignia; or civilian attire as befits the occasion.
X			when engaged in normal duties as a CAP member or attending local, wing/region, or national CAP functions (See Note 1).
X			may wear service dress uniform or light blue, short or long sleeve shirt/blouse with tie/tab and the all-weather coat, overcoat, and raincoat when traveling by commercial means (other than to and from local CAP activities). (See Note 2.)
X			Although any CAP uniform may be worn, aviator shirt, blazer combination, or appropriate civilian attire is encouraged to be worn on military aircraft (except orientation flights or IACE). EXCEPTIONS: BDUs and flight suits will not be worn. This will enable members to arrive for activity participation with the proper uniform ready to wear.
X			visiting military installations. Members will make every effort to comply with local installation uniform policy. If policy is not known, the CAP state director or the installation's public affairs office may be contacted for guidance.
	X		more than 1 hour following the close of the activity except for travel time to and from such activities, for which the uniform is specified (seminars, conferences, NEC, or NB meetings).
		X	when attending social activities or dinners on military installations, the wear of a CAP uniform is not restricted.

Table 1-1. Wearing the Uniform			
Members:			
Wear	Do not wear	Optional	When Conducting CAP Business
	X		at any meeting or demonstration that is a function of, or sponsored by, any organization, association, movement, group or combination of persons that the Attorney General of the United States has designated as Totalitarian, Fascist, Communist, or subversive; or advocates or approves the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States; or seeks to alter the form of the United States Government by unconstitutional means.
	X		when participating in activities such as public speeches, interviews, picket lines, marches, rallies, or in any public demonstration not approved by the Air Force. Wearing the uniform may imply sanction of the cause for which the demonstration or activity is conducted.
	X		when furthering private employment or commercial interests, if official sponsorship might be inferred.
	X		when engaged in private employment.
	X		under any circumstance that would tend to bring discredit or reproach upon the uniform.
X			all CAP personnel touring Washington DC, as part of a CAP activity or conducting CAP business in the metropolitan area, will wear the service uniform, civilian clothing, or the blazer and slacks or skirt combination, and will be properly groomed. Senior members visiting the White House, Capitol, State Department, or comparable buildings in uniform will wear the service uniform with service coat (service dress uniform) or blazer uniform. Cadets are not required to wear the service coat. In no case will BDUs, flight suits or utility uniforms be worn.
	X		most foreign governments prohibit the wear of military uniforms by visitors. Members will not wear a CAP uniform in a foreign country except for members on orders to participate in the International Air Cadet Exchange or other international events for which National Headquarters has expressly authorized the wearing of the uniform. Members of CAP cadet squadrons overseas wear the CAP uniform on the host military installation only upon approval of the installation commander in accordance with CAPR 35-4, <i>Overseas Cadet Squadrons</i> .

NOTES:

1. The National Commander and other commanders may specify the wear of a particular uniform type for the purpose of achieving a uniform appearance at squadron, group, wing, region, and national functions. However, all commanders must be mindful of the objective of attaining a neatly uniformed appearance at a minimum of personal expense to the individual member and will consequently refrain from imposing unreasonable uniform requirements
2. Unit commanders can make exceptions for travel in small commuter aircraft that involve short flights in areas of the country where civilians wear informal clothing because of weather or cramped conditions on the commuter aircraft.

Table 1-2. Uniforms

L I N E	If	Then
1	Uniform Combinations	Various combinations of CAP uniforms are authorized in order to allow for various climatic conditions, availability of uniforms, etc., but no member is obligated to equip himself/herself with all or even a major part of the combinations described in this publication. Members will equip themselves with the basic uniform. The minimum basic uniforms for male and female cadets and senior members, which will satisfy most occasions, are listed below. Members may obtain and wear the additional uniform items authorized in this publication on an optional basis. See note 1.
2	Minimum Basic Service Uniform	<u>Male:</u> Short-sleeve, light blue shirt; Dark blue trousers; Blue belt/silver buckle, Blue flight cap; Black shoes and socks. Insignia: CAP nameplate, shoulder patch, collar/lapel insignia, embroidered epaulet sleeve and flight cap emblem. <u>Female:</u> Short-sleeve light blue blouse; Dark blue skirt or slacks; Flight cap; Neutral nylon hose; Black shoes; Black Handbag. Insignia: CAP nameplate, shoulder patch, collar/lapel insignia, embroidered epaulet sleeve and flight cap emblem. See note 2.
	CAP Distinctive Basic Uniform (Senior Members only)	<u>Male:</u> Short-sleeve, white aviator shirt; gray trousers; black belt; black shoes and socks. Insignia: CAP nameplate, embroidered epaulet sleeve. <u>Female:</u> Short-sleeve, white aviator shirt; gray slacks or skirt; plain black shoes. Insignia: CAP nameplate, embroidered epaulet sleeve.
3	Dress and Appearance	<p>All members of CAP must be well groomed and assure that their appearance at all times reflects credit upon themselves, CAP, and the Air Force.</p> <p>When uniforms are worn, they must be clean, neat and correct in design and specification, properly fitted, and in good condition. Uniforms will be kept zippered, snapped, or buttoned and shoes will be shined and in good repair. Metallic insignia, badges and other devices, including the blue service uniform buttons, must also be maintained in the proper luster and condition</p> <p>Appearance of Men in Uniform. Articles such as wallets, pencils, pens, watch chains, fobs, pins, jewelry, handkerchiefs, combs, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, and sunglass cases will not be worn exposed on the uniform. The wear of wristwatches and rings is permitted. The wear of identification bracelets is likewise permitted provided they present a neat and conservative appearance. Conservative sunglasses may be worn, except in military formation. Ribbons, when worn, will be clean and not frayed. Wear of earrings, ornamentation on eyeglass lenses, or visible ornaments around the neck are prohibited while in uniform.</p>

Table 1-2. Uniforms		
L I N E	If	Then
		<p>Appearance of Women in Uniform. Uniform skirt lengths will be in keeping with the dictates of fashion and good taste, but with due regard to the dignity of the uniform. In any case, skirt lengths will be no higher than above the top of the kneecap or lower than the bottom of the kneecap. Skirts will hang freely and under no circumstances will they be excessively tight. Pencils, pens, pins, handkerchiefs, and jewelry will not be worn or carried exposed on the uniform. One small spherical (ball), conservative, diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver pierced, or clip earring per earlobe and the earring worn in each earlobe must match. Earring should fit tightly without extending below the earlobe. (EXCEPTION: Connecting band on clip earrings.) Other visible ornaments around the neck or on the head, ornamentation on eyeglass lenses, and ankle bracelets are prohibited. Wristwatches, identification bracelets, and a maximum of three conservative rings are permitted. Conservative sunglasses may be worn, except in military formation. Appropriate undergarments will be worn to present a conservative, feminine appearance.</p>
4	Wear of Religious Apparel	<p>Members may wear certain visible items of religious apparel while in uniform. Religious apparel is defined as articles of clothing or dress that are part of the doctrine or traditional observance of the religious faith practiced by the member. Hair and grooming practices are not included in the meaning of religious apparel. Jewelry of a religious nature must conform to standards set forth in this regulation for wear of non-religious jewelry. Religious head coverings are authorized only when military headgear is not authorized. Head coverings must be plain dark blue or black without adornment. Also, they may be worn underneath military headgear if they do not interfere with the proper fit or appearance of the headgear. For example, Jewish yarmulkes meet this requirement if they do not exceed 6 inches in diameter.</p>
5	Where to Purchase Uniform Items.	<p>CAPMart. Distinctive CAP insignia and devices such as the CAP nameplate, CAP aeronautical and specialty badges, and other items prescribed herein may be purchased from CAPMart or from approved commercial sources. A list of available articles from CAPMart, together with prices and ordering instructions, is contained in the current CAPMart Catalog and on-line at www.capmart.org.</p> <p>Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) and Air Force Military Clothing Sales Stores (AFMCSS). These should be the primary sources of uniform clothing for CAP members. To be eligible to purchase from a clothing sales store, a member must present a current CAP membership card. Purchases will be for cash or credit card only.</p>

Table 1-2. Uniforms

L I N E	If	Then
		<p>AAFES AFMCSS Mail-Order Outlets. In the event a clothing sales store is not convenient to the member, purchases may be made by mail order. Mail orders should be submitted on an individual basis using AAFES Form 4150-134, if available. A supply of mail order requisition forms, a current price list, and pertinent information concerning mail order sales are contained in the <i>Army and Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Mail Order Catalog</i>. Commanders of remotely located units not having access to an Air Force clothing store may request limited quantities of the catalog for use at unit level from Headquarters AAFES (PD-U), PO Box 660202, Dallas TX 75266-0202, indicating appropriate unit mailing address and number of catalogs needed. Catalogs will be distributed to units only, not to individuals.</p> <p>A letter request or improvised form may be used in lieu of AAFES Form 4150-134 reflecting the following information: Name, grade, social security number, and unit of purchaser with statement of duty status (CAP senior/cadet member); Shipping address of purchaser; Amount of payment enclosed; Type of payment, that is, postal money order, cashiers check, etc.; and Thirteen Digit Stock Number and Item Description.</p> <p>The requisition must be accompanied by a money order, certified check, or cashiers check made payable to Wright Patterson AFB Exchange. Payment must be for the full amount of the requested purchase. The shipper will prepay shipping charges. Refunds will automatically be made for overpayments of one dollar or more. Mail orders should be addressed to: AAFES Military Clothing Sales Store, Wright-Patterson AFB Exchange, Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433</p> <p>AAFES Catalog. CAP members may also order by phone, using a credit card, from the AAFES catalog; however, the member must first contact AAFES customer service and provide a copy of their CAP membership card in order to be entered into the AAFES system. Only uniform items may be ordered from the catalog. AAFES Customer Service can be reached by calling 1 800 527-2345.</p>

Table 1-2. Uniforms		
L I N E	If	Then
		<p>Commercial Sources. When purchasing uniform clothing from commercial sources, the following should be kept in mind: All Air Force uniform garments, footwear, and accouterments that the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC) supplies to AAFES military clothing sales stores (MCSS) conform to Air Force specifications; AAFES also may obtain for sale in MCSS a variety of required and optional uniform items from commercial vendors. These items are sold under normal AAFES merchandising procedures. All uniform items must display a USAF certification label. Members who buy uniform items from other than AAFES MCSSs should check the reliability of the seller and make sure each garment has an USAF certification label. Members must be careful about buying from commercial sources. The articles may have been rejected by government buyers, may not conform to specifications, or may be in the process of being phased out. Uniform items that do not meet Air Force specifications are not authorized for wear. Each uniform item must have this label sewn or stamped on permanently: “USAF CERTIFICATE NO _____. A sample of this item has been inspected and meets or exceeds the quality prescribed by AF Specification _____.”</p>
		<p>Excess/Surplus Sources. The Air Force makes certain excess/surplus supplies available to CAP, and in some cases this includes uniform clothing. Articles made available normally consist of odd sizes or discontinued items. Members should always check with the unit logistics officer to determine if surplus items are available prior to purchasing uniform items.</p> <p>Free Cadet Uniform Voucher Program. Cadets should check with the unit commander or logistics officer to determine if Air Force appropriated funds are available for procurement of uniforms prior to purchasing uniform items. A free cadet uniform voucher (basic blue uniform only) is attached to the cadet membership application; however, due to limited funds every cadet may not receive one.</p>

NOTES:

1. Uniform clothing may be altered to improve fit. However, alterations must not change the intended appearance of garment as designed.
2. It is the member’s personal responsibility to equip himself/herself with a proper uniform. Commanders may assist if they have the capability, through use of unit funds and/or donations or by acquiring surplus uniforms. Cadets are required to have the minimum basic uniform. A commander may require cadets to wear other optional uniform items only if the purchase is voluntary or if the uniform is supplied without expense to the cadet
3. The omission of a specific item or appearance standard does not automatically permit its wear.

Table 1-3 Personal Grooming Standards (See NOTES)			
L I N E	Item of Grooming (M-Men, W-Women)	Will Be/Have	Will Not
1	Beards (M)	Worn only with the CAP distinctive uniforms, i.e., field uniform, utility uniform, blazer combination, aviator shirt, golf shirt or CAP flight suit.	be worn with the AF-style uniform.
2	Cosmetics (W)	Conservative and in good taste.	
3	Hair, Overall Standard (M & W)	Clean, well groomed and neat. If dyed, will look natural.	contain excessive amounts of grooming aids. Hair will not touch eyebrows when groomed or protrude below the front band of properly worn headgear. EXCEPTION: Hair may be visible in front of women's flight cap.
4	Hair Style (M) With AF-style uniforms	A tapered appearance on both sides and back, both with and without headgear. A tapered appearance is one that when viewed from any angle outlines the individual's hair so that it conforms to the shape of the head, curving inward to the natural termination point. Block cut permitted with tapered appearance.	be worn in an extreme or fad style or in such a way that exceeds length or bulk standards or violates safety requirements. Will not touch the ears and only closely cut or shaved hair on the back of the neck may touch the collar. Will not exceed 1 1/4 inches in bulk regardless of length and not exceed 1/4 inch at the natural termination point. Will not contain or have any visible foreign items attached to it.
5	Hair Style (W) With AF-style uniforms	Styled to present a professional appearance. Plain and conservative pins, combs, headbands, elastic bands, and barrettes similar to the individual's hair color permitted to keep hair in place.	be worn in an extreme or fad style or violate safety requirements. Will not extend in length on all sides below an invisible line drawn parallel to the ground at the bottom edge of the shirt collar at the back of the neck. Will not exceed 3 inches in bulk or prevent proper wear of headgear. Will not include hair ornaments such a ribbons or jeweled pins.
6	Mustache (M) With AF-style uniforms		extend downward beyond the lip line of the upper lip or extend sideways beyond a vertical line drawn upward from the corner of the mouth.

Table 1-3. Personal Grooming Standards (See NOTES)			
L I N E	Item of Grooming (M-Men, W-Women)	Will Be/Have	Will Not
7	Sideburns (M) With AF-style uniforms	Neatly trimmed and tapered in the same manner as the haircut. Will be straight and of even width (not flared) and end in a clean-shaven horizontal line.	extend below the lowest part of the exterior ear opening.
8	Wigs and Hairpieces (M & W)	In conformance with the same standards required for natural hair, be of good quality, and fit properly.	exceed limits stated for natural hair.
9	Nails (W)	Fingernail length must not interfere with duty performance or hinder proper fit of prescribed safety equipment or uniform items. Polish must be conservative, single color, and in good taste.	contain any ornamentation.

NOTES:

1. The items listed represent the most common appearance issues.
2. Commanders do not have the authority to waive appearance and grooming standards.

Table 1-4. Additional Items That May Be Authorized by the Wing/Region Commander		
L I N E	Item	Information
1	General	Wing/region commanders may authorize certain items to be worn for specific purposes within their respective wing/region or within specific units of their wing/region. Commanders will not use this authority to circumvent National policies. Examples of purposes of these items are to identify members of special CAP groups such as drill teams, bands, color guards, and members participating in emergency services missions.
2	Where and When Worn	In all cases, these items will have no national significance or recognition as a part of the CAP uniform. They will not be worn at summer encampments or national events (cadet exchange, special activities, etc.), unless specifically authorized by National Headquarters. They may be worn only while performing the duty for which the use of the items was authorized. Wing/region approved items will be worn only within the boundaries of the authorizing commander.
3	Items That May Be Authorized	The wing/region commander has authority to approve the following items for wear within his wing: (a) Shoulder cords. Not more than one shoulder cord will be worn at one time, and it will be worn on the left shoulder (see Figure 5-2. Color to be determined by the wing commander, EXCEPT all primary members of Cadet Advisory Councils will wear gold at the National level, blue at region level and red at wing level. (See CAPR 52-16, <i>CAP Cadet Program Management</i> .) National Cadet Competition teams will wear white shoulder cords. Honor Guardsmen will wear silver shoulder cords; (b) Scarves; (c) White Gloves; (d) White and Black Belts; (e) Helmet Liners. Color to be determined by wing commander except that helmet liners authorized for wear by members participating in emergency services missions will be white and will be worn with the decal depicted in Figure 6-20.
4	Berets	Only blue berets may be authorized for special purpose wear. Berets provided at special activities may be worn at the activity ONLY.

NOTES:

1. Service dress trousers/slacks should not be bloused at any time.
2. Only items and colors listed in this table may be authorized.
3. Region commanders must approve items authorized by wing commanders.

CHAPTER 2 – USAF-STYLE UNIFORMS (SENIOR MEMBERS AND CADETS)

2-1. General Information. This chapter prescribes men's and women's service, dress, battle dress uniform, flight suit, sweaters, outer garments, caps, and appearance. Uniforms must be clean, neat and correct in design and specifications, fitted properly, pressed and in good condition (that is not frayed, worn out, torn, faded, patched, and so forth). Uniform items are to be kept zipped, snapped, or buttoned. Shoes are to be shined and in good repair. NOTE: All ribbons, badges, and devices worn by senior members must fall below the top notch of the collar on the service coat or the bottom tip of the collar of shirts/blouses worn as outer garments. See figures 2-1 through 2-25 for examples of the proper wear of the various USAF-style uniforms. See tables 2-1 and 2-3 for Men's Service Dress, Dress, and BDU Uniforms. See tables 2-2 and 2-3 for Women's Service Dress, Dress and BDU Uniforms. See table 2-4 for Flight Suit. See table 2-5 for Clothing and Accessory Standards.

a. Service uniforms include the service dress uniform with epaulets, long-sleeve light blue blouse/shirt, and short-sleeve light blue blouse/shirt. These uniforms are authorized for year-round wear. Cadets may continue to wear obsolete uniform items for a 2-year period following the phase-out date except when participating in national activities where only currently authorized items will be worn. The old-style Air Force service uniform for cadets will not be covered by this phase out rule and will continue to be authorized indefinitely. When old and new items are worn, the coat and slacks/skirt/trousers will be of a matching material (same shade, weave, and weight). Blue uniform items except shirts/blouses should be dry cleaned only unless label specifies differently.

b. Only senior member officers and NCOs are authorized the blue mess dress uniform for year-round wear. Only cadet members may wear the blue semiformal uniform.

c. The battle dress uniform (camouflage fatigue uniform) is worn when it is impractical or inappropriate to wear the service uniforms.

d. Flight Crew members wearing the Air Force flight suit may make only essential stops en route to and from the duty performance site. If a stop is essential, members must meet the proper standards of neatness, cleanliness, and military image.

e. Sweaters, men's and women's outer garments, and headgear is also covered. Outer garments are items worn outdoors and removed in an office environment. Members should use good judgment in choosing appropriate garments for wear based on weather conditions and duties.



NOTES:

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve. Senior member NCOs wear 4-inch cloth chevrons halfway between shoulder seam and elbow bent at 90-degree angle.
2. Lapel Insignia: Highly polished U.S. insignia worn by senior member officers; highly polished C.A.P insignia worn by senior member NCOs and Airmen and senior members without grade. Insignia is placed halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is parallel with the ground.
3. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Highly polished, worn centered 1/2-inch above left breast pocket or 1/2-inch above ribbons. All ribbons and devices must fall below the top edge of the notched collar.
4. Ribbons: Worn centered above left breast welt, resting on but not over top edge with 3 or 4 in a row. Wear all or some. All ribbons and devices must fall below the top notch of the collar.
5. Military Aviation Badges: Highly polished, worn 1/2-inch above ribbons on left breast and 1/2-inch below CAP aviation badge.
6. CAP Specialty Badges: Worn centered 1 1/2 inches below top of welt pocket and/or on right side centered between arm seam and lapel with bottom edge of badge parallel to top of welt pocket, only one specialty badge may be worn in each location.
7. CAP Command Badge: Worn centered on right breast, parallel to ribbons.
8. A maximum of four devices may be worn on this uniform with a maximum of two devices worn above the ribbons.

Figure 2-1. Men's Service Dress Uniform (Senior Members)



Old-style Service Dress



New-style Service Dress

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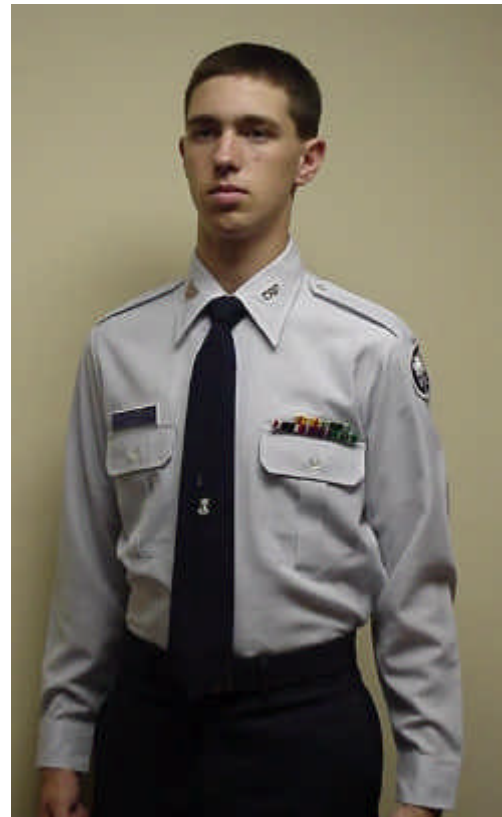
1. Grade Insignia: Cadet officers wear regular size metal grade insignia on shoulder boards; cadet NCOs and Airmen wear a metal chevron on right lapel.
2. CAP Lapel Insignia: Cadet officers and cadets with no grade wear lapel insignia on both lapels halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear it on the left lapel only with the bottom of the insignia parallel to the ground.
3. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Worn centered 1/2-inch above left breast pocket or 1/2-inch above ribbons.
4. Ribbons: Worn centered above left breast pocket/welt, resting on but not over top edge with 3 or 4 in a row.
5. Nameplate: Blue, three-line, rests on but not over top edge of right pocket, between left and right edges (Old-style Service Dress only).
6. CAP Specialty Badges: New-style: Worn centered 1 1/2-inches below top of welt pocket and/or on right side centered between arm seam and lapel with bottom edge of badge parallel to top of welt pocket, only one specialty badge maybe worn in each location. Old-style: Worn on lower portion of left pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket, and/or on right pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket. Only one badge maybe worn in each location.
7. A maximum of 2 devices may be worn above the ribbons.
8. Shoulder Patch: Worn centered on epaulet 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve (Old-style Service Dress only).

Figure 2-2. Men's Service Dress Uniform (Cadets)
(Cadets are authorized to wear both the old and new style service coats)

**NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve. Senior Member NCOs wear 3-inch or 3 1/2-inch cloth chevrons on the sleeve or embroidered gray epaulet sleeve. Senior members without grade and NCOs and Airmen wearing chevrons on the sleeve wear the C.A.P. lapel/collar insignia on both sides of collar.
2. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Highly polished, worn 1/2-inch above ribbons or left pocket if ribbons are not worn.
3. Ribbons: Worn resting on but not over top edge of left pocket and centered between the left and right edges with 3 in a row. Wear all, some or none. All ribbons and devices must fall below the bottom tip of the collar when worn as an outer garment.
4. Nameplate: Gray, three-line rests on but not over top edge of right pocket, centered between left and right edges.
5. Military Aviation Badges: Highly polished, worn centered 1/2-inch above the ribbons, below the CAP aviation badge.
6. CAP Specialty Badges: Worn centered below the pocket flap on the left breast pocket and/or on right breast pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket, only one specialty badge maybe worn in each location.
7. CAP Command Badge: Worn centered on right breast, 1/2 inch above nametag.
8. A maximum of 2 devices may be worn above the ribbons.
9. Shoulder Patch: Worn centered on epaulet 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve.
10. Tie Tack or Bar: Center tie tack or tie bar (CAP crest, Air Force coat of arms or grade insignia) between bottom edge of knot and bottom (tip) of tie.
11. Cuff Links (optional): If worn, must be plain silver design or with CAP crest, AF coat of arms, or Wing and Star/Hap Arnold design.

Figure 2-3. Men's Long-sleeve Shirt (Senior Members)

**Cadet Officers****Cadet NCOs and Airmen****NOTES:**

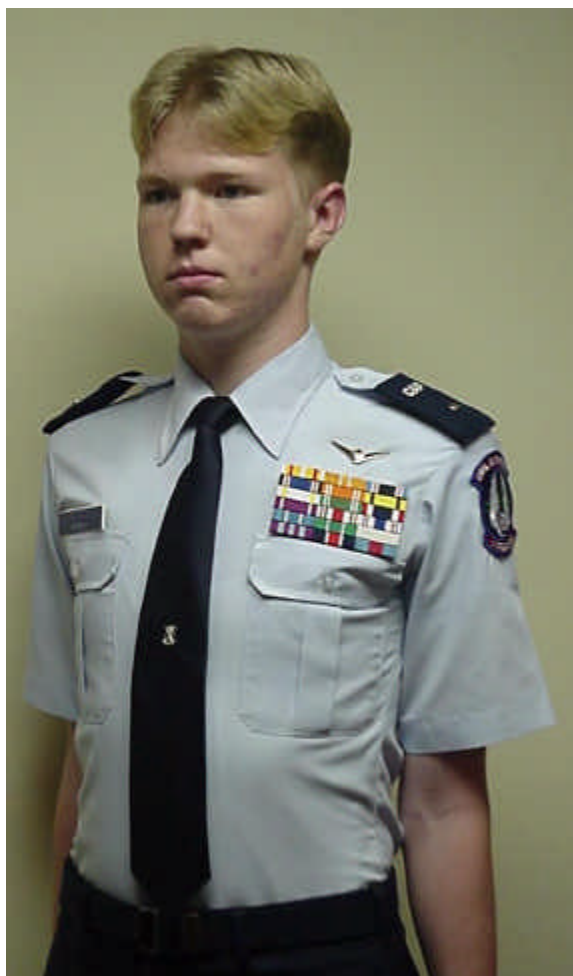
1. Grade Insignia: Cadet officers wear miniature size metal grade insignia on blue epaulet sleeve. Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear regular size metal chevron on right side of collar.
2. CAP Lapel/Collar Insignia: Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear highly polished, metal device worn on left side of the collar. Cadet members without grade wear this insignia on both sides of the collar.
3. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Highly polished, worn 1/2-inch above ribbons or left pocket if ribbons are not worn.
4. Ribbons: Worn resting on but not over top edge of left pocket and centered between the left and right edges with 3 in a row. Wear all, some or none.
5. Nameplate: Blue, three-line, rests on but not over top edge of right pocket, centered between left and right edges.
6. CAP Specialty Badges: Worn centered below the pocket flap on the left breast pocket and/or on right breast pocket centered between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket. Only one specialty badge may be worn in each location.
7. Shoulder Patch: Worn centered on epaulet 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve.
8. Tie Tack or Bar: Center tie tack or tie bar (silver metallic with CAP crest or Air Force coat of arms) between bottom edge of knot and bottom (tip) of tie.
9. Cuff Links (optional): If worn, must be plain silver design or with CAP crest, AF coat of arms, or Wing and Star/Hap Arnold design.

Figure 2-4. Men's Long-sleeve Shirt (Cadets)

**NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve. Senior Member NCOs wear the 3-inch or 3 1/2-inch cloth chevrons on the sleeve or embroidered gray epaulet sleeve. Senior members without grade and NCOs and Airmen wearing chevrons on the sleeve wear the CAP lapel/collar insignia on both sides of collar.
2. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Highly polished, worn 1/2-inch above ribbons or left pocket if ribbons are not worn.
3. Ribbons: Worn resting on but not over top edge of left pocket and centered between the left and right edges with 3 in a row. Wear all, some or none. All ribbons and devices must fall below the bottom tip of the collar when worn as an outer garment.
4. Nameplate: Gray, three-line, rests on but not over top edge of right pocket, centered between left and right edges.
5. Military Aviation Badges: Highly polished, worn centered 1/2-inch above the ribbons, below the CAP aviation badge.
6. CAP Specialty Badges: Worn centered below the pocket flap on the left breast pocket and/or on right pocket centered between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket. Only one specialty badge may be worn in each location.
7. CAP Command Badge: Worn centered on right breast, 1/2 inch above nametag.
8. Shoulder Patch: Worn centered on epaulet 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve.
9. Tie Tack or Bar: Center tie tack or tie bar (CAP crest, Air Force coat of arms or grade insignia) between bottom edge of knot and bottom (tip) of tie, if tie is worn.
10. A maximum of 2 devices may be worn above the ribbons.

Figure 2-5. Men's Short-sleeve Shirt (Senior Members)

**Cadet Officer****Cadet NCOs and Airmen****NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Cadet officers wear miniature size metal grade insignia on blue epaulet sleeve. Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear regular size metal chevron on right side of collar.
2. CAP Lapel/Collar Insignia: Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear highly polished, metal device worn on left side of the collar. Cadet members without grade wear this insignia on both sides of the collar.
3. CAP Aviation Badge and Specialty Insignia: Highly polished, worn 1/2-inch above ribbons or pocket if ribbons are not worn.
4. Ribbons: Worn resting on but not over top edge of left pocket and centered between the left and right edges with 3 in a row. Wear all, some or none.
5. Nameplate: Blue, three-line, rests on but not over top edge of right pocket, centered between left and right edges.
6. CAP Specialty Badges: Worn centered below the pocket flap on the left breast pocket and/or on right pocket centered between left and right edges and bottom of lap and pocket. Only one specialty badge may be worn in each location.
7. Shoulder Patch: Worn centered on epaulet 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve.
8. Tie Tack or Bar: Center tie tack or tie bar (silver metallic with CAP crest or Air Force coat of arms) between bottom edge of knot and bottom (tip) of tie, if tie is worn.

Figure 2-6. Men's Short-sleeve Shirt (Cadets)

**NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Officers wear blue, regular size shoulder boards with embroidered regular size grade insignia superimposed with CAP or AF wing and star button at peak of board and 1/2-inch dark blue, shade 1095, braid running the length of each side. Place shoulder board insignia as close as possible to shoulder seam. Button on shoulder board should match buttons on mess dress jacket. NCOs center 4-inch sleeve chevron halfway between shoulder seam and elbow bent at 90-degree angle.
2. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Worn centered 1/2-inch above top row of medals or when no medals are authorized midway between shoulder and top button. May be highly polished metal or embroidered, regular or miniature, but all devices must match.
3. Medals: Center miniature medals between lapel and arm seam and midway between top shoulder seam and top button of jacket.
4. CAP Seal: Worn over middle button on the right side of jacket. May be enamel or bullion, but must match other badges and devices.
5. CAP Command Badge: Worn centered on right breast, parallel to medals.
6. Cuff Links/Studs. Plain silver satin finish or Wing and Star/Hap Arnold design. Wear cuff links and studs as a set.

Figure 2-7. Men's Mess Dress Uniform (Senior Member Officers and NCOs Only)



Cadet Old-style Semiformal Uniform



Cadet New-style Semiformal Uniform

NOTE: Uniform is configured as stated in figure 2-2 for cadet officers, NCOs and airmen. Only change for new style uniform is plain white shirt. On the old-style uniform a dark blue or black satin bow tie is worn and nameplate removed.

Figure 2-8. Men's Blue Semiformal Uniform (Cadets Only)

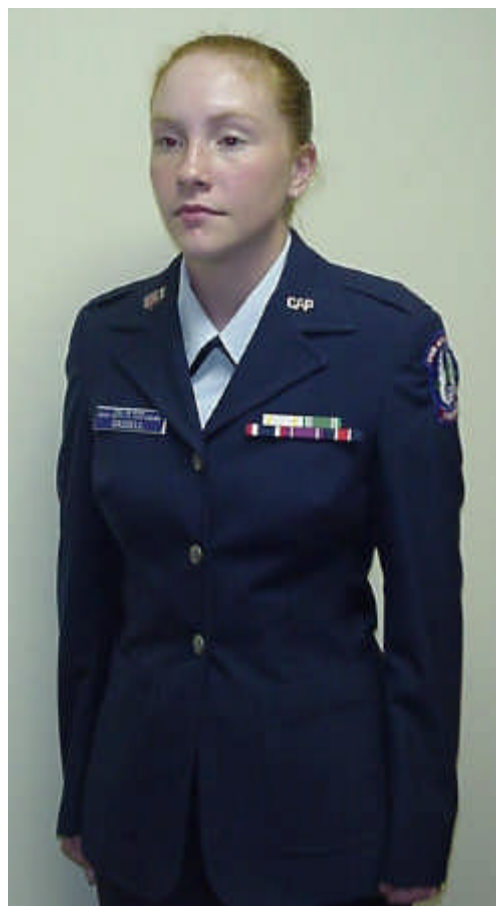
**NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve. Senior member NCOs and Airmen wear 3 1/2 or 4-inch cloth chevrons halfway between shoulder seams and elbow bent at 90-degree angle.
2. Lapel Insignia: Highly polished U.S. insignia worn by senior member officers; highly polished C.A.P insignia worn by senior member NCOs and Airmen and senior members without grade. Insignia is placed halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is parallel with the ground.
3. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Highly polished, worn centered 1/2-inch above left breast pocket or 1/2-inch above ribbons. All ribbons and devices must fall below the top edge of the notched collar.
4. Ribbons: Worn centered above left breast pocket, resting on but not over top edge of the welt pocket with 3 or 4 in a row. Wear all or some. All ribbons and devices must fall below the top notch of the collar.
5. Military Aviation Badges: Highly polished, worn 1/2 inch above ribbons on left breast and 1/2-inch below CAP aviation badge.
6. CAP Specialty Badges: Worn centered 1 1/2-inches below top of welt pocket and/or on right side centered between arm seam and lapel with bottom edge of badge parallel to top of welt pocket, only one specialty badge may be worn in each location.
7. CAP Command Badge: Worn centered on right breast, parallel to ribbons.
8. A maximum of two devices may be worn above the ribbons.

Figure 2-9. Women's Service Dress Uniform (Senior Members)



New-style Service Dress Uniform



Old-style Service Dress Uniform

NOTES:

1. Grade Insignia: Cadet officers wear regular size metal grade insignia on shoulder boards; cadet NCOs and Airmen wear a metal chevron on right lapel.
2. CAP Lapel Insignia: Cadet officers and cadets with no grade wear lapel insignia on both lapels halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear it on the left lapel only.
3. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Worn centered 1/2-inch above left breast pocket or 1/2 inch above ribbons.
4. Ribbons: Worn centered above left breast pocket/welt, resting on but not over top edge with 3 or 4 in a row. Wear all or some.
5. Nameplate: Blue, three-line centered on right side between lapel and arm seam, 1 to 3 inches higher than top button (Old-style Service Dress only).
6. CAP Specialty Badges: Worn centered 1 1/2-inches below top of welt pocket and/or on right side centered between arm seam and lapel with bottom edge of badge parallel to top of welt pocket, only one specialty badge maybe worn in each location.
7. A maximum of 2 devices may be worn above the ribbons.
8. Shoulder Patch: Worn centered on epaulet 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve (Old-style Service Dress only).

Figure 2-10. Women's Service Dress Uniform (Cadets)
(Cadets are authorized to wear both old and new style uniforms)

**Tuck-in Blouse****Overblouse****NOTES:**

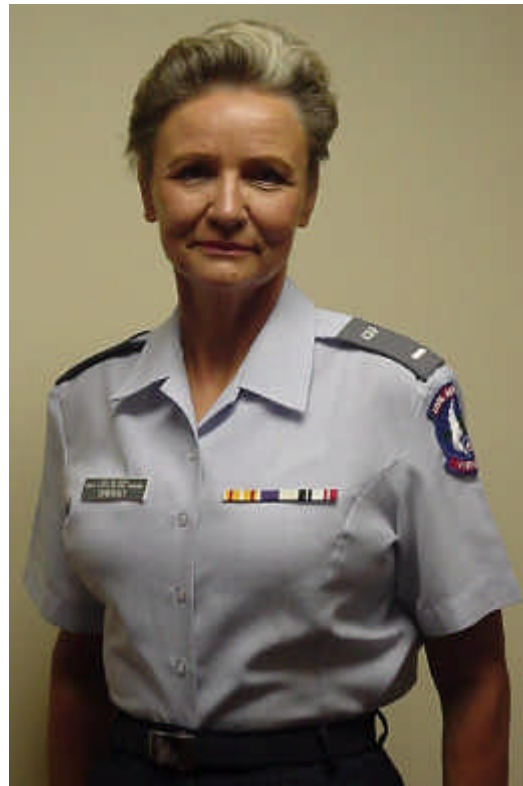
1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve. Senior Member NCOs wear 3-inch or 3 1/2-inch cloth chevrons on the sleeve or embroidered gray epaulet sleeve. Senior members without grade and NCOs wearing chevrons on the sleeve wear the C.A.P. lapel/collar insignia on both sides of collar.
2. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Highly polished, worn 1/2-inch above ribbons. When no ribbons are worn, center badge 1/2-inch above imaginary row of ribbons.
3. Ribbons: Worn centered on the left side between buttons and arm seam, even with to 1 1/2-inches higher or lower than the first exposed button with 3 in a row. Bottom of ribbons will be even with bottom of nameplate. Wear all, some or none. All ribbons and devices must fall below the bottom tip of the collar when worn as an outer garment.
4. Nameplate: Gray, three-line, centered on right side even with or up to 1 1/2-inches higher or lower than the first exposed button, parallel with ground.
5. Military Aviation Badges: Highly polished, worn centered 1/2-inch above the ribbons, below the CAP aviation badge.
6. CAP Specialty Badges: Worn centered 1/2-inch above ribbons and/or 1/2-inch above nameplate, only one specialty badge maybe worn in each location.
7. CAP Command Badge: Worn centered on right breast, 1/2 inch above nametag.
8. A maximum of 2 devices may be worn above the ribbons.
9. Shoulder Patch: Worn centered on epaulet 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve.
10. Cuff Links (optional): If worn, must be plain silver design or with CAP crest, AF coat of arms, or Wing and Star/Hap Arnold design.
11. Tab: Inverted-V tie tab, with self-fastening tails (with blouse without Velcro tabs under collar); inverted-V tie tab attaches under collar (with blouse with Velcro tabs under collar).

Figure 2-11. Women's Long-sleeve Blouse (Senior Members)

**Tuck-in Blouse****Overblouse****NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Cadet officers wear miniature size metal grade insignia on blue epaulet sleeve. Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear regular size metal chevron on the right collar
2. CAP Lapel/Collar Insignia: Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear highly polished, metal device worn on left side of collar. Cadets without grade wear this device on both sides of the collar.
3. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Highly polished, worn 1/2-inch above ribbons. When no ribbons are worn, center badge 1/2-inch above imaginary row of ribbons.
4. Ribbons: Worn centered on the left side between buttons and arm seam, even with to 1 1/2-inches higher or lower than the first exposed button with 3 in a row. Bottom of ribbons will be even with bottom of nameplate. Wear all, some or none. All ribbons and devices must fall below the bottom tip of the collar when worn as an outer garment.
5. Nameplate: Gray, three-line, centered on right side even with or up to 1 1/2-inches higher or lower than the first exposed button, parallel with ground.
6. CAP Specialty Badges: Worn centered 1/2-inch above ribbons ad/or 1/2-inch above nameplate, only one specialty badge maybe worn in each location.
7. A maximum of 2 devices may be worn above the ribbons.
8. Shoulder Patch: Worn centered on epaulet 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve.
9. Cuff Links (optional): If worn, must be plain silver design or with CAP crest, AF coat of arms, or Wing and Star/Hap Arnold design.
10. Tab: Inverted-V tie tab, with self-fastening tails (with blouse without Velcro tabs under collar); inverted-V tie tab attaches under collar (with blouse with Velcro tabs under collar).

Figure 2-12. Women's Long-sleeve Blouse (Cadets)

**Overblouse****Tuck-in Blouse****NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve. Senior Member NCOs wear 3-inch or 3 1/2-inch cloth chevrons on the sleeve or embroidered gray epaulet sleeve. Senior members without grade and NCOs wearing chevrons on the sleeve wear the C.A.P. lapel/collar insignia on both sides of collar.
2. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Highly polished, worn 1/2-inch above ribbons. When no ribbons are worn, center badge 1/2-inch above imaginary row of ribbons.
3. Ribbons: Worn centered on the left side between buttons and arm seam, even with to 1 1/2-inches higher or lower than the first exposed button with 3 in a row. Bottom of ribbons will be even with bottom of nameplate. Wear all, some or none. All ribbons and devices must fall below the bottom tip of the collar when worn as an outer garment.
4. Nameplate: Gray, three-line, centered on right side even with or up to 1 1/2-inches higher or lower than the first exposed button, parallel with ground.
5. Military Aviation Badges: Highly polished, worn centered 1/2-inch above the ribbons, below the CAP aviation badge.
6. CAP Specialty Badges: Worn centered 1/2-inch above ribbons and/or 1/2-inch above nameplate, only one specialty badge maybe worn in each location.
7. CAP Command Badge: Worn centered on right breast, 1/2 inch above nametag.
8. A maximum of 2 devices may be worn above the ribbons.
9. Shoulder Patch: Worn centered on epaulet 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve.
10. Tab: Optional with short-sleeve blouse. Inverted-V tie tab, with self-fastening tails (with blouse without Velcro tabs under collar); inverted-V tie tab attaches under collar (with blouse with Velcro tabs under collar) if tab is worn.

Figure 2-13. Women's Short-sleeve Blouse (Senior Members)

**Tuck-in Blouse****Overblouse****NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Cadet officers wear miniature size metal grade insignia on blue epaulet sleeve. Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear regular size metal chevron on the right collar.
2. CAP Lapel/Collar Insignia: Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear highly polished, metal device worn on left side of collar. Cadets without grade wear this device on both sides of the collar.
3. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Highly polished, worn 1/2-inch above ribbons. When no ribbons are worn, center badge 1/2-inch above imaginary row of ribbons.
4. Ribbons: Worn centered on the left side between buttons and arm seam, even with to 1 1/2-inches higher or lower than the first exposed button with 3 in a row. Bottom of ribbons will be even with bottom of nameplate. Wear all, some or none. All ribbons and devices must fall below the bottom tip of the collar when worn as an outer garment.
5. Nameplate: Blue, three-line, centered on right side even with or up to 1 1/2-inches higher or lower than the first exposed button, parallel with ground.
6. CAP Specialty Badges: Worn centered 1/2-inch above ribbons and/or 1/2-inch above nameplate, only one specialty badge maybe worn in each location.
7. A maximum of 2 devices may be worn above the ribbons.
8. Shoulder Patch: Worn centered on epaulet 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve.
9. Tab: Optional with short-sleeve blouse. Inverted-V tie tab, with self-fastening tails (with blouse without Velcro tabs under collar); inverted-V tie tab attaches under collar (with blouse with Velcro tabs under collar) if tab is worn.

Figure 2-14. Women's Short-sleeve Blouse (Cadets)

**NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Officers wear blue, regular size shoulder boards with embroidered regular size grade insignia and 1/2-inch dark blue, shade 1095, braid running the length of each side. Place shoulder board insignia as close as possible to shoulder seam. NCOs center 3, 3 1/2, or 4-inch sleeve chevron halfway between shoulder seam and elbow bent at 90-degree angle.
2. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Worn centered 1/2-inch above top row of medals or when no medals are authorized midway between shoulder and top button. May be highly polished metal or embroidered, regular or miniature, but all devices must match.
3. Medals: Center miniature medals between lapel and arm seam and midway between top shoulder seam and top button of jacket.
4. CAP Command Badge: Worn centered on right breast, parallel to medals.
5. CAP Seal: Worn over middle button on the right side of jacket. May be enamel or bullion.
6. Cuff Links/Studs. Plain silver satin finish or Wing and Star/Hap Arnold design. Wear cuff links and studs as a set, if worn.

Figure 2-15. Women's Mess Dress Uniform (Senior Member Officers and NCOs Only)



Old-style Semiformal Uniform



New-style Semiformal Uniform

NOTE: Uniform is configured as stated in Figures 2-10 for cadet officers, NCOs and airmen. Only change for new style uniform is plain white shirt. On the old-style uniform a dark blue satin polyester inverted Vtie-tab is worn and the nameplate removed.

Figure 2-16. Women's Blue Semiformal Uniform (Cadets Only)



Men and Women Senior Member Officer



Men and Women Cadets

NOTES:

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on ultramarine blue background on the right collar. Senior Member NCOs and Airmen wear the 3-, 3 1/2- or 4-inch (women) or 4-inch (men) sleeve chevrons centered halfway between shoulder seam and elbow when bent at 90-degree angle on the sleeve. Cadet officers wear embroidered grade insignia on ultramarine blue background worn on the right collar. Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear metal chevron on right collar.
2. CAP Lapel/Collar Insignia: Senior member and cadet officers wear embroidered white on ultramarine blue background on left collar. Senior Member NCOs and Airmen and senior members without grade wear this device on both sides of the collar. Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear highly polished, medal on left side of collar. Cadet members without grade wear metal device on both sides of the collar.
3. “Civil Air Patrol” Tape: Ultramarine blue with white letters worn centered immediately above the left breast pocket. Tape will be the width of the pocket with raw ends folded under.
4. Cloth Name Tape: Ultramarine blue with white letters, worn centered immediately above the right breast pocket (only last name will be used). Tape will be the width of the pocket with raw ends folded under.
5. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Embroidered, worn 1/2-inch above the cloth “Civil Air Patrol” tape worn over the left breast pocket. If both devices are worn, aviation badges should be 1/2-inch above specialty insignia.
6. Military Aviation Badges: Embroidered (subdued or white on blue), centered 1/2-inch below the CAP aviation badge above left breast pocket
7. Shoulder Patch: Worn centered 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve.
8. CAP Specialty Patches: Embroidered, worn on the lower portion of the left breast pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket.
9. Unit Patches, if authorized, are worn on right breast pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket. Other badges or patches worn in accordance with table 6-4.
10. Safety vest must be worn when participating in Ground Team activities.
11. All white on blue insignia will have 1/8-inch of blue showing at the widest and tallest point of the insignia, except the Civil Air Patrol and name tapes.

Figure 2-17. Men’s and Women’s Battle Dress Uniforms (Senior Members and Cadets)



Men and Women Senior Member Officers



Men and Women Cadets

NOTES:

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member and cadet officers wear embroidered grade insignia on ultramarine blue background on the epaulet. Senior Member NCOs and Airmen wear the 3-, 3 1/2- or 4-inch (women) or 4-inch (men) sleeve chevrons centered halfway between shoulder seam and elbow when bent at 90-degree angle on the sleeve. Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear metal chevron on right collar.
2. CAP Lapel/Collar Insignia: Senior member and cadet officers wear embroidered white on ultramarine blue background, on epaulet. Senior Member and cadet NCOs and Airmen and senior members without grade wear metal device on both sides of the collar.
3. “Civil Air Patrol” Tape: Ultramarine blue with white letters worn centered immediately above the left breast pocket. Tape will not extend beyond either side of the pocket with raw ends folded under.
4. Cloth Name Tape: Ultramarine blue with white letters, worn centered immediately above the right breast pocket (only last name will be used). Tape will not extend beyond either side of the pocket with raw ends folded under.
5. CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Embroidered, worn 1/2-inch above the cloth “Civil Air Patrol” tape worn over the left breast pocket. If both devices are worn, aviation badges should be 1/2-inch above specialty insignia.
6. Military Aviation Badges: Embroidered (subdued or white on blue), centered 1/2-inch below the CAP aviation badge above left breast pocket
7. Shoulder Patch: Worn centered 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve.
8. CAP Specialty Patches: Embroidered, worn on the lower portion of the left breast pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket.
9. Unit Patches are worn on right breast pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket. Other badges or patches worn in accordance with table 6-4.
10. Safety vest must be worn when participating in Ground Team activities.

Figure 2-18. Men’s and Women’s Field Jacket (Senior Members and Cadets)



Men's and Women's Flight Suit



Men's and Women's Flight Jacket

NOTES:

1. Grade Insignia: Senior members will wear regular size plastic encased grade insignia centered horizontally on top of each shoulder with bottom edge of insignia placed 1/2-inch from shoulder seam. General officers will center plastic grade insignia on shoulder. C.A.P. cutouts will not be worn.
2. Leather Name Patch: Will include name, grade, and aeronautical rating. Patch will be centered on left breast above pocket. Cloth name patch is not authorized.
3. CAP Command Patch: A cloth CAP command patch will be worn on right breast directly opposite the leather name patch.
4. Shoulder Patch: A cloth American Flag Emblem with gold border, 2" x 3 1/2", on left shoulder, 1/2-inch below the shoulder seam.
5. Optional Breast Patch: Embroidered Emergency Services patch may be worn on the right breast or corresponding position.
6. Optional Shoulder Patch: Worn centered 1/2-inch below shoulder seam on right sleeve. Member may choose one of the authorized patches for the right shoulder, may be wing or region shoulder patch.
7. Cadet members do not wear grade insignia or C.A.P. cutouts on the flight suit or jacket.
8. **The Air Force brown leather flight jacket is NOT authorized with this or any Air Force style uniform.**

**Figure 2-19. Men's and Women's Green Flight Suit and Green Flight Jacket
(Flight Crews Only)**

**NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve. Senior Member NCOs and Airmen wear regular size metal chevron on gray epaulet sleeve or cloth chevrons on sleeve. Cadet officers wear metal grade insignia on blue shoulder mark insignia. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear metal chevrons on right side of shirt collar.
2. C.A.P. Lapel/Collar Insignia: Senior and cadet members without grade wear highly polished metal C.A.P. cutouts on both sides of shirt collar. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear cutout on left side of collar.
3. Wing/Region Patch. Worn 1/2-inch below the shoulder seam of the left sleeve.
4. Tie/tab is optional when short-sleeve shirt/blouse is worn.

Figure 2-20. Men's and Women's Pullover Sweater

**NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve. Senior Member NCOs and Airmen wear regular size metal chevron on gray epaulet sleeve. Cadet officers wear metal grade insignia on blue shoulder mark insignia. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear metal chevrons on right side of shirt collar.
2. C.A.P. Lapel/Collar Insignia. Senior and cadet members without grade wear highly polished metal C.A.P. cutouts on both sides of shirt collar. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear cutout on left side of collar.
3. Wing/Region Patch. Worn 1/2-inch below the shoulder seam of the left sleeve.
4. Tie/tab is optional when short-sleeve shirt/blouse is worn.

Figure 2-21. Men's and Women's Cardigan Sweater



Women's Lightweight Jacket



Men's Lightweight Jacket

NOTES:

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve. Senior member NCOs wear regular size metal chevron on gray epaulet sleeve or 3-, 3 1/2- or 4-inch (women) and 4-inch (men) cloth chevrons on sleeve. Cadet officers wear regular size metal grade insignia on epaulet. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear metal chevrons on right jacket collar.
2. C.A.P. Lapel/Collar Insignia: Senior and cadet members without grade and Senior Member NCOs wearing chevrons on the sleeve wear highly polished metal C.A.P. cutouts on both sides of jacket collar. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear cutouts on left side of collar.
3. Wing/Region Patch: Worn 1/2-inch below the shoulder seam of the left sleeve.

Figure 2-22. Men and Women's Lightweight Blue Jackets.

**NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve. Senior Member NCOs wear regular size metal chevron on gray epaulet sleeve or 3-, 3 1/2- or 4-inch (women) and 4-inch (men) cloth chevrons on sleeve. Cadet officers wear regular size metal grade insignia on epaulet. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear metal chevrons on right coat collar.
2. C.A.P. Lapel/Collar Insignia: Senior and cadet members without grade and Senior Member NCOs wearing chevrons on the sleeve wear highly polished metal C.A.P. cutouts on both sides of coat collar. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear cutouts on left side of collar.
3. Wing/Region Patch: Worn 1/2-inch below the shoulder seam of the left sleeve.

Figure 2-23. Men's and Women's All-weather Coat.

**NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve. Senior Member NCOs wear regular size metal chevron on right collar. Cadet officers wear regular size metal grade insignia on epaulet. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear metal chevrons on right coat collar.
2. C.A.P. Lapel/Collar Insignia: Senior and cadet members without grade wear highly polished metal C.A.P. cutouts on both sides of coat collar. Senior member and Cadet NCOs and airmen wear cutouts on left side of collar.
3. Wing/Region Patch: Worn 1/2-inch below the shoulder seam of the left sleeve.

Figure 2-24. Men's and Women's Raincoat.

**NOTES:**

1. Grade Insignia: Senior member officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve. Senior Member NCOs and Airmen wear regular size metal chevron on gray epaulet sleeve or 3-, 3 1/2- or 4-inch (women) and 4-inch (men) cloth chevrons on sleeve. Cadet officers wear regular size metal grade insignia on epaulet. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear metal chevrons on right coat collar.
2. C.A.P. Lapel/Collar Insignia: Senior and cadet members without grade and Senior Member NCOs and Airmen wearing chevrons on the sleeve wear highly polished metal C.A.P. cutouts on both sides of coat collar. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear cutouts on left side of collar.
3. Wing/Region Patch: Worn 1/2-inch below the shoulder seam of the left sleeve.

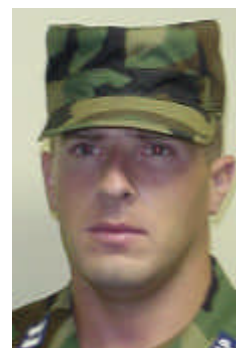
Figure 2-25. Men's and Women's Overcoat.



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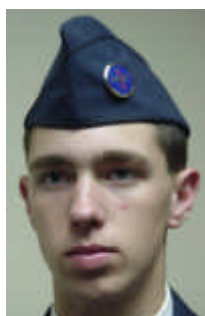
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Senior Member BDU Cap



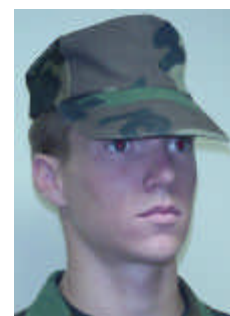
**Cadet Officer Service
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**Cadet Enlisted Flight
Cap**



**Cadet Officer BDU
Cap**



**Cadet Enlisted BDU
Baseball Cap**

NOTES:

1. Service Cap: Optional for senior members and cadet officers. Normally worn with service dress uniform. Cadet NCOs and airmen will not wear the service cap (Exception see Chapter 3). Cap will not be crushed. Large senior member or cadet officer satin finish cap device (with post and screw back) is worn center front. General officers wear a cap with three sets of clouds and lightning on cap bill. Senior member Major through Colonel wear caps with two sets of clouds and lightning on the cap bill. All others wear caps with a plain bill.
2. Flight Cap: Senior members wear small double clutch back senior member cap device. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear the cadet enlisted double clutch back cap device. Cadet officers wear miniature or regular size metal grade insignia on the flight cap. Cap will not be crushed. Senior member officer flight cap has silver and blue braid. All others wear flight cap with solid blue braid.
3. BDU Cap. Either the USAF or Army style BDU cap or camouflage BDU baseball cap may be worn with the BDU uniform. Senior members, cadet NCOs and airmen do not wear any type of insignia on the cap. Cadet officers wear the embroidered grade insignia centered 1/2-inch above the visor on the BDU cap. Cap will not be worn crushed or rolled.
4. CAP Baseball Cap. May be worn with the utility uniforms if authorized by the unit commander. Color, material, unit designation or silk screen organizational emblem or badge as prescribed by unit commander. Emblem or badge, if authorized, will be centered 1/2-inch above visor.

Figure 2-26. Men's Headgear.

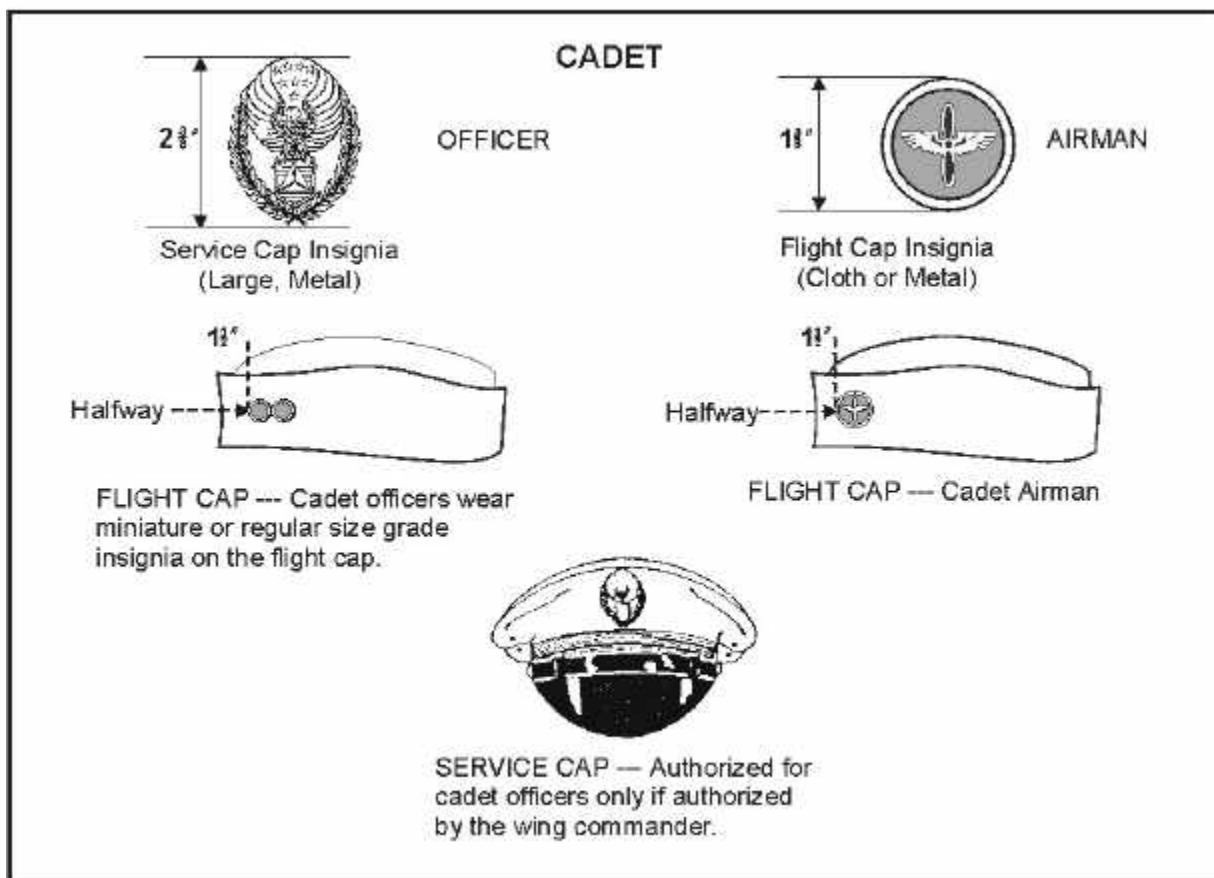
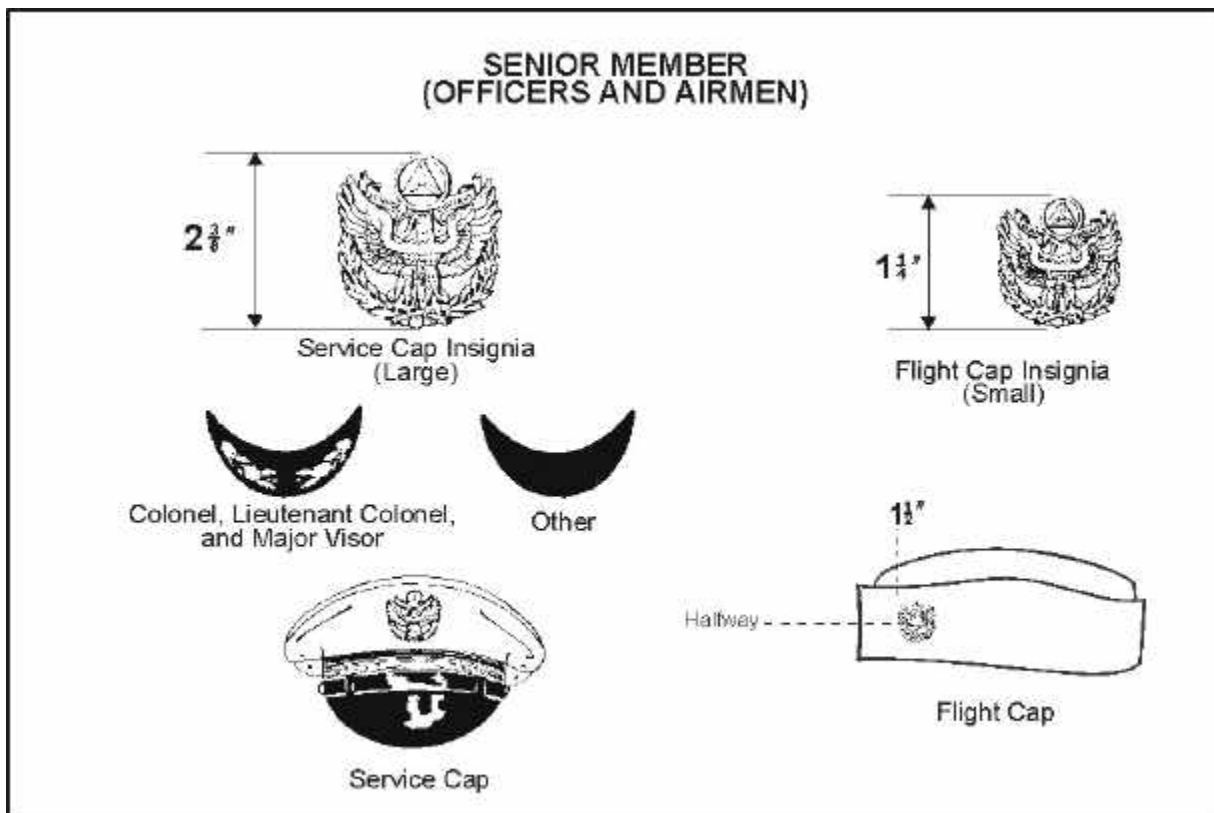


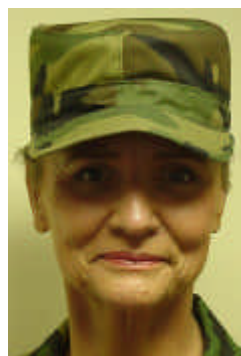
Figure 2-27. Placement of Men's Cap Devices



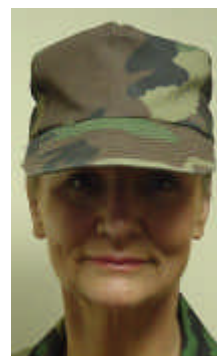
**Senior Member Field
Grade Service Cap**



**Senior Member
Officer Flight Cap**



**Senior Member BDU
Cap**



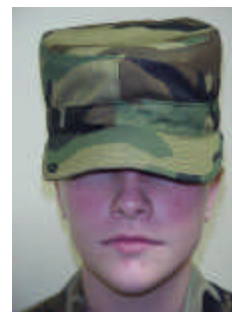
**Senior Member BDU
Baseball Cap**



Cadet Officer Service Cap



Cadet Officer Flight Cap



Cadet Enlisted BDU Cap

NOTES:

1. Service Cap: Optional for senior members and cadet officers. Cadet NCOs and airmen will not wear the service cap (Exception see Chapter 3). Cap will not be crushed. Large senior member or cadet officer satin finish cap device with double clutch back (without post and screw back) is worn center front. General officers wear a cap with three sets of clouds and lightning on cap band. Senior member Major through Colonel wear caps with two sets of clouds and lightning on the cap band. All others wear caps with a plain band.
2. Flight Cap: Senior members wear small double clutch back senior member cap device. Cadet NCOs and airmen wear the cadet enlisted double clutch back cap device. Cadet officers wear miniature or regular size metal grade insignia on the flight cap. Senior member officer flight cap has silver and blue braid. All others wear flight cap with solid blue braid.
3. BDU Cap. Either the USAF or Army style BDU cap or camouflage BDU baseball cap may be worn with the BDU uniform. Senior members, cadet NCOs and airmen do not wear any type of insignia on the cap. Cadet officers wear the embroidered grade insignia centered 1/2-inch above the visor on the BDU cap. Cap will not be worn crushed or rolled.
4. CAP Baseball Cap. May be worn with the utility uniforms if authorized by the unit commander. Color, material, unit designation or silk screen organizational emblem or badge as prescribed by unit commander. Emblem or badge, if authorized, will be centered 1/2-inch above visor.

Figure 2-28. Women's Headgear.

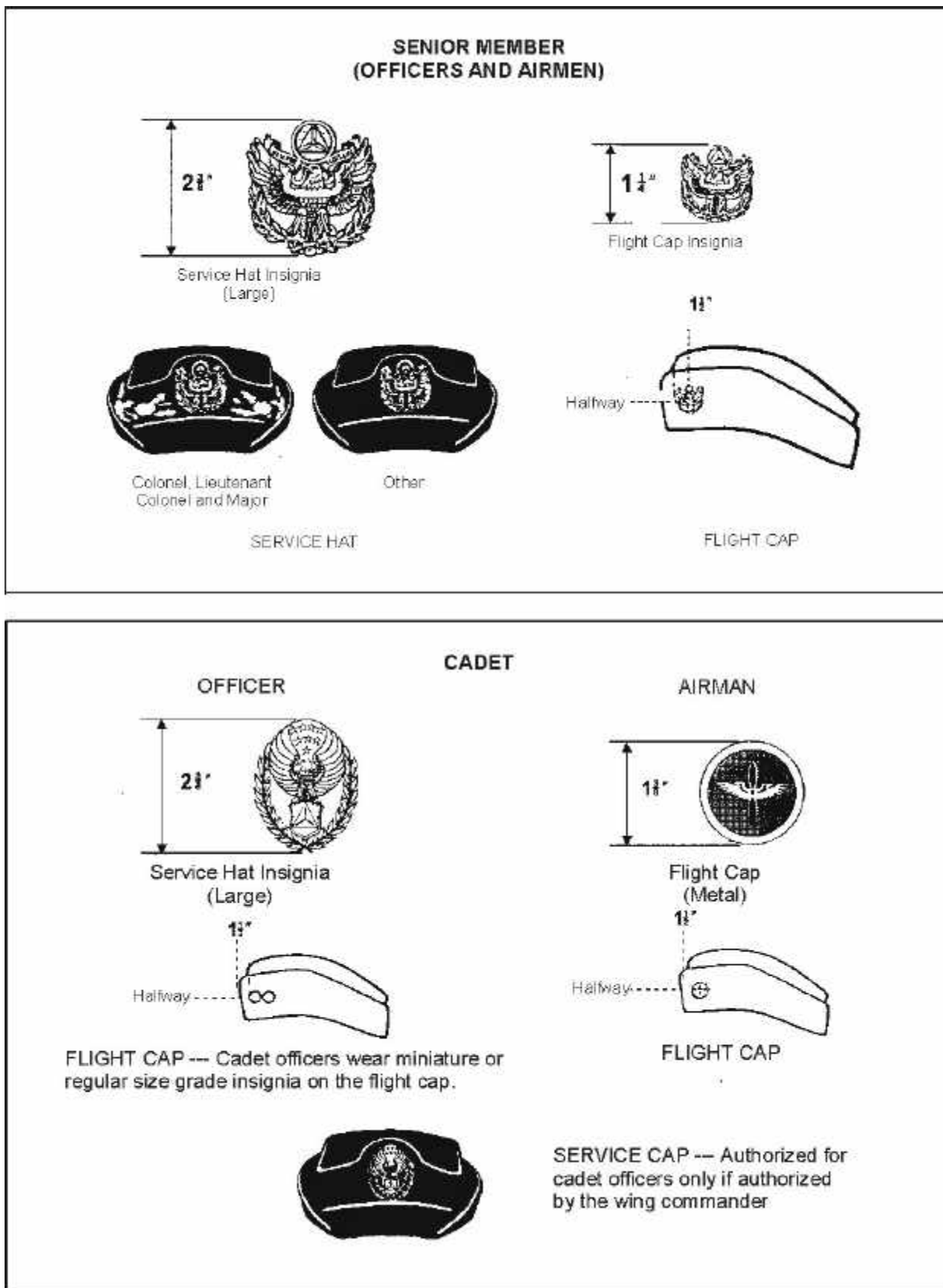


Figure 2-29. Placement of Women's Cap Devices

Table 2-1. Men’s Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms								
L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Shirt	Short Sleeve Shirt	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
1	Coat	X					X	Polyester and wool blend, serge weave; semi-drape, single-breasted with three buttons, one welt pocket on upper left side, and two lower pocket flaps. Do not wear nameplate. With arms hanging naturally, sleeves will end approximately 1/4-inch from the heel of the thumb. Ensure the bottom edge of coat extends 3 to 3 1/2-inches below the top of the thigh; sleeves and lapel will be roll-pressed. Senior member officers wear blue 1/2-inch sleeve braid 3 inches from end of sleeve. General officers wear 1/ ½ inch blue sleeve braid 3 inches from end of sleeve. Coat and trousers will match in shade and material. (Semiformal uniform is authorized for cadets only.)
			X				X	This uniform is authorized for cadets only. Semi-drape, single-breasted with four buttons, pleated breast pockets, and inside hanging lower pockets; pockets have flaps with buttons centered on bottom edge of flap. The bottom of coat extends to length of fingertip with hands slightly cupped; will not be form fitting; suppressed at waist with ease in shoulders, chest, and underarms. Coat and trousers will match in shade and material.

Table 2-1. Men's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms

L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Shirt	Short Sleeve Shirt	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
						X		For senior member officers and NCOs only. Worn for social functions of a general or official nature (black tie affairs); a tuxedo is civilian equivalent. Semi-fitted; sleeves will end approximately 1/4-inch from heel of the thumb; single-breasted, straight back with three CAP crest, USAF coat of arms, or USAF "Wing and Star" buttons diagonally on both sides and a two-button length chain as a front closure; satin shawl collar and lapels; center back length will be 3 1/2-inches to 4 inches below natural waistline. Senior member officers wear 1/2-inch wide, dark blue, sleeve braid 3 inches from end of the sleeve. General officers wear wide sleeve braid 3 inches for end of sleeve. Jacket and trousers will match in shade and material.
2	Shirt (Long Sleeve)	X	X	X				Blue, worn with tie. Collar of shirt shows 1/4- or 1/2-inch above coat collar; with arms hanging naturally, sleeves extend to heel of thumb. It has two pleated pockets and convertible cuffs; tapered fit is optional. Military creases are prohibited. Sleeve crease is centered on epaulet.
	Shirt (Short Sleeve)	X	X		X			Blue. Tie is optional unless worn with service dress uniform. Collar of shirt shows 1/4- or 1/2-inch above coat collar; with arms bent at a 90-degree angle, sleeve should barely touch or some within 1 inch of the forearm; will have tapered fit; military creases are prohibited. Sleeve crease is centered on epaulet.
	Long Sleeve					X		White, conventional soft dress-type with turn-down collar and French cuffs with pleated or plain front.

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L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Shirt	Short Sleeve Shirt	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
	Long Sleeve						X	White. Plain knitted or woven, commercial type with short, or medium point collar (not button-down or formal wing tip style), without design with button or French cuff. Authorized for cadet members only with the service coat.
3	Trousers	X	X	X	X		X	Trim-fitted with no bunching at waist or bagging at seat; knee and bottom leg widths not altered beyond current specifications for the waist size; front of trouser legs rests on the front of shoe or boot with a slight break in the crease; back of trouser legs will be approximately 7/8-inch longer than the front. Full cut, straight hanging and without cuffs; available in 100% polyester, polyester wood tropical and polyester or wool blend, serge weave. Will not be bloused over boots. Trousers must be worn at the natural waist line and not resting on hips.
						X		Without cuffs, high rise with side pockets, 7/8-inch blue satin striping on side of leg, no pleats.
4	Belt	X	X	X	X		X	Woven 1 1/4-inch cotton web or 1 1/4-inch elastic, solid or woven, belt with matching silver-color metal tip and buckle of chrome-like finish. Silver tip end of the belt extends beyond the buckle facing the wearer’s left; no blue fabric shows. General officers may wear the “Wing & Star” design, shiny finish emblem and belt buckle.
5	Tie	X	X	X	X		X	Polyester herringbone twill. Wear with service dress coat or trousers. Tip of tie will be no more than 1 1/2-inch above or below top of belt buckle. (Wear with semiformal only when wearing new-style service dress uniform.)

Table 2-1. Men's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms

L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Shirt	Short Sleeve Shirt	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
			X	X	X			Without design or sheen, 2 to 3 inch wide; may be tapered at the center with a pointed end or un-tapered with square end. Polyester or wool, synthetic or blends; woven and pre-tied ties are optional. Tip of tie will be no more than 1 1/2-inch above or below top of belt buckle.
	Bow Tie					X		Blue satin, 5 to 5 1/2-inches long and 2 1/2-inches wide with square ends without design.
			X				X	Blue satin or black, 5 to 5 1/2-inches long and no wider than 2 1/2-inches with square ends, silk, or synthetic without design. (Wear with semiformal only when wearing old-style service dress uniform.)
6	Tie Tack or Tie Bar	X	X	X	X			Center tie tack or tie clasp between bottom edge of knot and bottom tip of tie. CAP crest, Air Force coat of arms, Air Force Wing and Star, or grade insignia may be worn. Grade insignia tie tack or tie bar with CAP crest is authorized for wear with uniform or civilian clothing.
7	Footwear (Low Quarters)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Black oxford; lace-up style with a plain rounded toe or a plain rounded capped toe; without perforation or design' sole will not exceed 1/2-inch in thickness and the heel will not exceed 1 inch in height (measured from the inside front of the heel); may have low wedge heel; smooth or scotch grained leather or manmade material; high gloss or patent finish.
	(Combat Boots)	X	X	X	X			Black, with or without safety toe; must have a plain rounded toe or rounded capped toe with or without perforated seam; zipper or elastic inserts are optional; no designs. Highly polished, high gloss, or patent leather .

Table 2-1. Men's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms								
L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Shirt	Short Sleeve Shirt	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
	(Dress Boots)	X	X	X	X			Black with rounded plain or rounded capped toe; zipper or elastic inserts optional; no design; sole will not exceed 1/2-inch in thickness and shoe heels will not exceed 1 inch in height (measured from the inside front of the heel).
8	Socks	X	X	X	X	X	X	Plain, black without design. EXCEPTION: Plain white socks may be worn with boots.
9	Outer-garments	X	X	X	X	X	X	Wear outdoors and remove in an office environment; use good judgment in choosing appropriate garments for wear based on weather conditions and duties. Shoulder patch is worn on all outer garments except new service dress coat and mess dress.
	(Pullover Sweater)			X	X			V-neck, long-sleeve, with epaulets and cuffed sleeves. Indoor or outdoor garment; tie is optional when wearing short sleeve shirt; wear collar or shirt inside or outside sweater; not exposed when wearing another outer garment.
	(Cardigan Sweater)			X	X			50% acrylic and 50% wool cardigan sweater with epaulets. Indoor or outdoor garment; when worn outdoors must be buttoned. Tie is optional when wearing short sleeve shirt.
	(Light-weight Blue Jacket)			X	X			Zip up at least halfway; not authorized for wear when service dress uniform is designated or more appropriate. Wear over pullover sweater is authorized; however, sweater is not exposed; partially lined, water repellent, waist length, zipper front, with two slant pockets and knitted cuffs and waistband; worn with or without insulated liner.

Table 2-1. Men's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms

L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Shirt	Short Sleeve Shirt	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
	(Double-breasted All-weather Coat)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Coat will fit over service coat loose enough to accommodate shoulders of service coat without binding at armholes when arms are moved. Sleeves will extend 1/2-inch beyond service coat sleeves; length of coat will fall between knee length to 6 inches below back crease of knee, top button may be left unbuttoned. Stand-up collar, six-button front, shoulder epaulet with buttons, sleeve straps with buckles, split raglan and set in the back.
	(Raincoat)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sleeves extend 1/2-inch beyond service coat sleeves; loose fitting with bottom of coat extending between bottom of knee cap and mid calf; neck button may be left unbuttoned. Single-breasted with fly front; waterproof polyvinyl butyl nylon.
	(Overcoat)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Same as all-weather coat; water resistant, double-breasted with belt and buckle, button throat closure, shoulder straps, sleeve straps, center back vent, facing tabs, and zip-out liner.
10	Scarf	X	X			X	X	White or Gray. Tucked in with authorized outer garments, except pullover sweater; will not exceed 10 inches in width; all wool or cotton simplex, with or without napped surface.
11	Gloves or Mittens	X	X			X	X	Black or Gray leather, knitted, tricot and suede, or a combination of leather, knitted, tricot, and suede.

Table 2-1. Men's Service, Mess Dress, and Semi-formal Uniforms								
L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Shirt	Short Sleeve Shirt	Mess Dress	Semi-formal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
12	Headgear (Service Cap)	X	X	X	X			Worn squarely on the head with no hair protruding in front of the cap; large size satin finish cap insignia (with a post screw) is centered on the front of the cap. Visor-type service cap is banded with dark blue 1 3/4-inch braid; has front black chinstrap; an optional version with braid of an open mesh construction, and an optional black leather back strap. An optional rear chinstrap or rain cover may be worn. Cap will not be crushed. NOTE: Cadet NCOs and Airmen will not wear the service cap (Exception see Chapter 3).
	(Flight Cap)	X	X	X	X			Worn slightly to the wearer's right with vertical crease of the cap in line with the center of the forehead, in a straight line with the nose; the cap extends approximately 1 inch from the eyebrows in the front; if not worn, tuck under the belt on either side, between first and second belt loops; cap will not fold over belt. Cap has dark-blue colored edge braid for cadets, Senior Member NCOs, Airmen and senior member without grade; silver and blue in a diamond pattern edge braid for all senior member officers; and silver-colored edge braid for general officers. All shades and materials of cap are authorized with any uniform combination. Top of cap will not be crushed or made to form a peak in the rear. Senior members wear metal satin finish flight cap insignia. Cadet officers wear metal grade insignia. Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear metal flight cap insignia.
13	Earmuffs	X	X			X	X	Solid dark blue, back, or gray (commercial design of any material). Wear only with authorized outer-garments and service dress uniforms.
14	Cuff Links	X	X	X		X	X	Plain, silver, satin finish or highly polished cuff links. May bear the Air Force coat of arms, Air Force Wing and Star, or CAP crest.

Table 2-1. Men's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms								
L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Shirt	Short Sleeve Shirt	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
15	Cummerbund					X		Blue satin, pleated without design. Worn with open edge of pleats facing upward.
16	Studs					X		Plain, silver, satin finish or highly polished to match cuff links.
17	Suspenders					X		Solid white, blue or black; will not be visible.
18	Undergarments	X	X	X	X	X	X	Mandatory. Wear undershorts and undershirt (V-neck, U-neck, or athletic style) with all service and dress uniforms; the white crew-neck style undershirt is authorized when wearing closed collar service and dress uniforms only.
19	Accouterments	X	X	X	X	X	X	Figures of each uniform shows proper placement of accouterments and gives a description of each. The finish of all accouterments must match.

Table 2-2. Women’s Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms								
LINE	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Blouse	Short Sleeve Blouse	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
1	Coat	X					X	Polyester or wool blend, serge weave; semi-drape, single-breasted with three buttons, one welt on upper left side, and two lower pocket flaps. With arms hanging naturally, sleeves end approximately 1/4-inch from the heel of the thumb. Ensure the bottom edge of coat extends 3 to 3 1/2-inches below the top of the thigh; roll-press sleeves and lapel. Senior member officers wear 1/2-inch blue sleeve braid 3 inches from end of sleeve. General officers wear 1/ ½ inch blue sleeve braid 3 inches from end of sleeve. Coat and skirt or slacks will match in shade and material.
	(Blazer or Princess Style)		X				X	This uniform is authorized for cadets only. 100% polyester or polyester wool tropical. Coat follows the contours of the figure but allows ease of movement without pulling in the back at the waist, either split seam or princess style. The length is proportional to height. Collar is set away from the neck. The sleeves end approximately 1/4-inch from the heel of the thumb; roll-press sleeves and lapel. Wear with any of the available service skirts and slacks except the new service dress slacks or skirt. Dark blue with a single row of three buttons and two patch pockets slightly below the waistline. Coat and skirt or slacks will match in shade and material.

Table 2-2. Women's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms

L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Blouse	Short Sleeve Blouse	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
	Jacket					X		For senior member officers and NCOs only. For social functions or a general or official nature (black tie affairs); an evening gown is civilian equivalent. Single-breasted, loose fitting at the waist with CAP crest, Air Force coat of arms, or Air Force Wing and Star buttons on each side of front. Jacket ends 2 1/2- to 3 inches below the waistline; front opening will gap approximately 2 to 3 inches at bottom; 1/2-inch dark blue sleeve braid (Shade 1095) is worn 2 1/2-inches from end of sleeve by senior member officers; sleeves are wrist length; jacket and skirt match in shade and material. General officers wear wide sleeve braid 3 inches for end of sleeve.
	Blouse (Tuck-in style) (Long Sleeve and Short Sleeve)	X	X	X	X			Blue. Wear all blouses with tab when wearing service dress uniforms, long sleeve, or when higher decorum is appropriate. Collar of blouse must show 1/4- or 1/2-inch above coat collar with arms hanging naturally. Long sleeves extend to heel of thumb; short sleeves should barely touch or come within 1 inch of the forearm with arms bent at a 90-degree angle; collar lies softly around neck and does not meet in the front, but is separated by blue inverted V tie tab with self-fastening tails (blouses without Velcro tabs under collar. Blouses that have Velcro tabs under collar must use inverted V tie tab with Velcro tabs); pointed collar and epaulets. Long sleeves have round cuffs with buttonhole closures on each cuff. Blouse may be modified at member's expense to accommodate cuff links. Will have tapered fit, military creases prohibited. Tuck blouse into slacks or skirt. Sleeve crease will be centered on epaulet.

Table 2-2. Women's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms								
L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Blouse	Short Sleeve Blouse	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
	Semi-form Fitting	X	X	X	X			Blue. Long sleeve with dark blue inverted V tie tab. Same as tuck-in style; princess line, with epaulets and pointed collar; long sleeves have round cuffs with buttonhole closures on each cuff. Blouse may be modified at member's expense to accommodate cuff links. Ensure bottom of blouse is not visible below the bottom of service dress coat, pullover or cardigan sweater, or lightweight jacket. Will have tapered fit, military creases prohibited. Wear tucked in or out with available service skirts and slacks. Sleeve crease will be centered on epaulet.
	(Tuck-in)					X		White with quarter-length sleeve, three vertical pleated ruffles on each side slightly overlapped on blouse front with front button closure. Wear with blue satin crescent-shaped tab.
	(Long-Sleeve)					X		White, conventional soft dress-type with turn-down collar and French cuffs with pleated front. Women may wear men's pleated front shirt.
	(Semi-form Fitting)	X	X				X	White, polyester or cotton, princess line, button front, with small pointed collar; wear with blue inverted V tie tab. (Semiformal uniform authorized for cadets only.)
3	Slacks	X	X	X	X			Slacks fit naturally over the hips with no bunching at waist or bagging at seat; bottom front of slack legs rests on the front of shoe or boot with a slight break in the crease; back of legs is approximately 7/8-inch longer than the front. Tailored straight hanging, no flare at bottom, with two one-quarter front pockets and center fly-front opening or center front closure with front and back waist darts, two one-quarter top side pockets, and waist band with five belt loops. May not be bloused over boots.

Table 2-2. Women's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms

L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Blouse	Short Sleeve Blouse	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
4	Skirt	X		X	X		X	Skirt hangs naturally over the hips with a slight flare; skirt lengths will be no shorter than the top of the kneecap nor longer than the bottom of the kneecap; straight style with belt loops, a kick pleat in back; two pockets, and a pleated front; skirts have a back zipper and lining attached to the waist.
			X	X	X		X	Modified A-line, six-gore, free hanging, with or without waistline, with or without belt loops. Skirt has a left zipper and lining attached to the inside; skirt length will be no shorter than the top of the kneecap nor longer than the bottom of the kneecap.
5	Belt	X	X	X	X		X	With skirt or slacks with belt loops; silver tip end of the belt extends beyond the buckle facing the wearer's right; no blue fabric shows. Woven 1-inch cotton web or 1-inch elastic, solid or woven, belt with matching silver-color metal tip and buckle of chrome-like finish. General officers may wear the "Wing & Star" design, shiny finish emblem and belt buckle.
6	Tie Tab	X		X	X		X	Blue inverted V tie tab, polyester herringbone twill with self-fastening tails.
			X	X	X			Inverted V tie tab with Velcro tabs.
						X		Blue satin, crescent-shape.
			X				X	Black crescent-shaped or blue satin inverted V tie tab. (Semiformal authorized for cadets only.)
7	Cummerbund					X		Blue satin, pleated without design. Worn with open edge of pleats facing downward.
8	Footwear (Dress Boots)	X	X	X	X			Heels of a height suitable to the individual but on higher than 2 1/2-inches (measured from inside sole of the boot to end of heel lift). Wear boots with skirt or slacks; however, if worn with skirt, remove boots and wear pumps or oxfords while in work place. Plain black, commercial design without ornamentation such as buckles, bows or straps.

Table 2-2. Women's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms								
L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Blouse	Short Sleeve Blouse	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
	(Pumps)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Heels of a height suitable to the individual, but no higher than 2 1/2-inches (measured from the inside sole of shoe to the end of heel lift). Do not wear shoes with platform soles, extra-thick soles, or heels. Plain black, commercial design without ornamentation such as buckles, bows, straps; smooth, scotch-grained leather or man-made material, patent or high gloss finish. Black satin optional for mess dress.
	(Low Quarters)	X	X	X	X			Black oxford; lace-up style with a plain rounded toe or a plain rounded capped toe; without perforation or design; sole will not exceed 1/2-inch in thickness and the heel will not exceed 1 inch in height (measured from the inside front of the heel); may have low wedge heel; smooth or scotch-grained leather or man-made material; high gloss or patent finish.
	(Combat Boots)	X	X	X	X			Worn with slacks only. Black, with or without safety toe; must have a plain rounded toe or rounded capped toe with or without perforated seam; zipper or elastic inserts are optional; no designs. Highly polished, high gloss, or patent leather.
9	Socks	X	X	X	X			Plain black without design with low quarters; plain black or white socks with combat boots or dress boots. Wear hose if not wearing socks.
10	Hose	X	X	X	X	X	X	Commercial, sheer, nylon in neutral, dark brown, black, off-black, or dark blue shades that complement the uniform and the individual's skin tone. Do not wear patterned hose.
11	Outer-garments	X	X	X	X	X	X	Outdoors and remove in an office environment; use good judgment in choosing appropriate garments for wear based on weather conditions and duties.

Table 2-2. Women's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms

L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Blouse	Short Sleeve Blouse	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
	(Pullover Sweater)			X	X			V-neck, long sleeve, with epaulets and cuffed sleeves. Indoor or outdoor garment; tie tab is optional with short sleeve blouse; wear collar of blouse inside or outside sweater; not exposed while wearing another outer garment.
	(Cardigan Sweater)			X	X			50% acrylic and 50% wool cardigan sweater with epaulets. Indoor and outdoor garment; when worn outdoors, must be buttoned. Tab is optional when wearing short sleeve blouse.
	(Light-weight Blue Jacket)			X	X			Zip up at least halfway; not authorized for wear when service dress uniform is designated or more appropriate; may wear over pullover sweater; partially lined, water repellent, waist length zipper front, with two slant pockets and knitted cuffs with or without insulated line; may wear men's jacket as long as it presents a neat, professional appearance.
	(Double-breasted All-weather Coat)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Coat will fit over service coat loose enough to accommodate shoulders of service coat without binding at armholes when arms are moved. Sleeves will extend 1/2-inch beyond service cat sleeves; length of coat will fall between knee length to 6 inches below back crease of knee, top button may be left unbuttoned. Stand-up collar, six-button front, shoulder epaulet with buttons, sleeve straps with buckles, split raglan and set in the back.
	(Raincoat)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sleeves extend 1/2-inch beyond service coat sleeves; loose fitting with bottom of coat extending between bottom of kneecap and mid-calf; may leave neck button unbuttoned. Single breasted with fly front; waterproof polyvinyl butyl nylon.

Table 2-2. Women's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms								
L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Blouse	Short Sleeve Blouse	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
	(Overcoat)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Loose enough to fit over service coats; shoulders fit loose enough to accommodate shoulders of service coat without binding at armholes when moving arms. Sleeves will extend 1/2-inch beyond the sleeve of the service coat; length of coat not shorter than 1/2-inch below the bottom of the skirt nor longer than 6 inches below the back crease of the knee; may leave neck button unbuttoned. Water resistant, double breasted with belt and buckle, button throat closure, shoulder straps, sleeve straps, center back vent, facing tabs, and zip-out liner.
12	Scarf	X	X			X	X	White or Gray all wool or cotton simplex, with or without napped surface. Tucked in with authorized outer garments, except pullover sweater; will not exceed 10 inches in width.
13	Gloves or Mittens	X	X			X	X	Black or gray leather, knitted, tricot or suede; or a combination of leather, knitted, tricot, and suede.
14	Headgear (Service Cap)	X	X	X	X			Solid dark blue. Worn squarely on the head; center large size satin finish double-clutch (without post screw) cap insignia on the front of the cap. Rounded design, sides form a front brim. Clear plastic rain scarf or white net wing scarf optional; helmet-type designed to cover headgear and tie under chin is authorized. NOTE: Cadet NCOs and Airmen will not wear the service cap (Exception see Chapter 3).

Table 2-2. Women's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms

L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Blouse	Short Sleeve Blouse	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
	(Flight Cap)	X	X	X	X			Worn slightly to the wearer's right with vertical crease of the cap in line with the center of the forehead, in a straight line with the nose; approximately 1 inch from the eyebrows in the front. When not wearing the flight cap but wearing a belt, tuck under the belt on either side, between first and second belt loops; cap will not fold over the belt. Cap has dark blue colored edge braid for Senior Member NCOs and Airmen, senior members without grade and cadets; silver and blue in a diamond pattern edge braid for senior member officer; silver colored edge braid for general officers. All shades and material of cap are authorized with any uniform combination. Senior members wear metal satin finish flight cap insignia. Cadet officers wear metal grade insignia. Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear metal flight cap insignia.
15	Earmuffs	X	X			X	X	Commercial design of any material; solid dark blue, black or gray. Wear with any outer garments and service dress uniforms.
16	Cuff Links	X	X	X			X	Oval cuff links bearing the Air Force coat of arms, Air Force Wing and Star, or CAP crest (satin finish or highly polished, highly polished with service dress uniform only). Plain silver, satin finish, or highly polished cuff links are also authorized.
17	Handbags (Vinyl)	X	X	X	X		X	Plain black, vinyl with fold over flap and plain silver colored clasp fastener.
	(Leather or Vinyl)	X	X	X	X		X	Plain black leather or vinyl, without ornamentation, with or without plain fold-over flap with or without single-placed silver or gold colored clasp. May have adjustable shoulder strap with or without buckle. May be patent leather or high gloss not to exceed 13 x 9 x 4 1/2-inches deep.

Table 2-2. Women's Service, Mess Dress, and Semiformal Uniforms								
L I N E	Item	New Service Dress	Old Service Dress (Cadets Only)	Long Sleeve Blouse	Short Sleeve Blouse	Mess Dress	Semiformal (Cadets Only)	Wear Instructions/Materials
	(Clutch Style)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Plain black smooth or scotch-grain leather, patent leather or high gloss, or man-made material without ornamentation. Fabric, suede, or patent leather with mess dress. Purse will be no larger than 6 1/2 x 11 inches nor smaller than 5 x 9 inches. It must have concealed closure and may have a wrist strap. EXCEPTION: Do not use patent leather purse when wearing semiformal dress (semiformal authorized for cadets only).
18	Under-garments	X	X	X	X	X	X	Mandatory. Bra and panties with all uniforms; wear other appropriate undergarments as necessary, provided they are not visible at the neck when worn with an open collar; may wear white crew-neck style undershirt when wearing closed collar service and dress uniforms.
19	Accouterments	X	X	X	X	X	X	Figures for each uniform shows proper placement of accouterments and gives a description of each. The finish of all accouterments must match.

Table 2-3. Men's and Women's Battle Dress Uniforms

L I N E	Item	Wear Instruction/Materials
1	Shirt (Long Sleeve)	Cotton and nylon twill or rip stop cotton; single-breasted with four bellow pockets with flaps; straight-cut bottom sleeve tabs, and side body panels with or without take-up tabs. Long sleeve camouflage pattern (woodland green) may be rolled up; if rolled up, sleeve material must match shirt and will touch or come within 1 inch of forearms when arm is bent at a 90-degree angle; may be removed in the immediate work area. When removed, T-shirt (other than athletic or sleeveless style) will be worn. Military creases are prohibited.
2	Trousers	Cotton and nylon twill or rip stop cotton camouflage pattern (woodland green) with button front closure, strap ankle adjustment, and six pockets. Blouse trousers over combat boots. Material of shirt and trousers must match.
3	Belt and Buckle	Dark blue, 1 1/4-inch woven cotton web, solid or woven elastic belt with black metal tip end and plain (open faced) black buckle. Black tip may extend up to 1 inches beyond the buckle, facing (Men) to the wearer's left or (Women) facing wearer's right or left.
4	Footwear (Combat Boots)	Black, with or without safety toe, plain rounded toe or rounded capped toe with or without perforated seam. Zipper or elastic inserts optional, smooth or scotch-grained leather or man-made material, and may have a high gloss or patent finish.
	(Hot-weather Tropical)	Green, or black cloth, or canvas and black leather with plain toe with zipper or elastic inserts.
5	Socks	Plain black or white socks may be worn with boots.
6	Headgear (BDU Cap)	Worn squarely on head with no hair protruding in front of the cap; when not being worn, is stowed in either of the lower cargo pockets on the trousers. Only AF-style or Army-style BDU cap will be worn. Senior members do not wear any type of insignia on the cap. Cadet officers wear the embroidered grade insignia on the cap 1/2-inch above visor.
	(BDU Baseball Cap)	Same as BDU cap with the addition that when not wearing, may attach to either lower trouser pocket button on the BDU trousers legs.
	(CAP Baseball Cap)	Color, unit designation and cloth or silk screen organizational emblem or badge as prescribed by unit commander. Emblem or badge, if authorized, will be centered 1/2-inch above visor. No other features such as stars, designs, individual's name and so forth, are authorized.
7	Outergarments	Outdoors and removed in an office environment. Use good judgment in choosing appropriate garments for wear based on weather conditions and duties.
	(Field Jacket)	Camouflage pattern (woodland green). Configure accouterments on jacket the same as the BDU shirt. If field jacket has epaulets, cloth ultramarine blue grade insignia and CAP cutouts are placed on the epaulet. If the field jacket does not have epaulets, wear grade insignia and CAP cutouts on collar same as shirt.

Table 2-3. Men's and Women's Battle Dress Uniforms		
L I N E	Item	Wear Instruction/Materials
	(Double-breasted All-weather Coat)	Coat will fit loosely enough to accommodate shoulders of BDU without binding at armholes when arms are moved; sleeves will extend 1/2-inch beyond BDU sleeves; length of coat will fall between knee length to 6 inches below back crease of knee; top button may be left unbuttoned. Stand-up collar, six-button front, shoulder epaulets with buttons, sleeve straps with buckles, split raglan and set in the back.
	(Raincoat)	Loose fitting with bottom of coat extending to between bottom of kneecap and mid-calf; neck button may be left unbuttoned. Single-breasted with fly front; waterproof polyvinyl butyl nylon.
8	Safety Vest	Orange plastic, mesh, or cloth. Will be worn when participating in Ground Team activities.
9	Scarf	Gray. Only with outer garments. Tuck in; will not exceed 10 inches in width; all wool or cotton simplex, with or without napped surface.
10	Gloves or Mittens	Black or gray leather, knitted, tricot and suede, a combination of leather, knitted, tricot and suede. May wear with BDU without outer garments.
11	Earmuffs	Solid dark blue, black or gray; commercial design of any material.
12	Undergarments	Mandatory. All appropriate underwear will be worn.
	(Undershirts)	Brown or black. Either V-neck, U-neck, crew neck or athletic style without pockets. Black or brown turtlenecks, dickeys, or thermal undershirts without pockets may also be worn. EXCEPTION: members may wear white thermal undershirts even if exposed at neck. Unit commanders may prescribe color, unit designation, and cloth or silk screen emblem, to be worn on left side of chest not exceed 5 inches in diameter.
13	Handbags (Vinyl)	Women only. Plain black, vinyl with fold-over flap and plain silver-colored clasp fastener.
	(Leather or Vinyl)	Women only. Plain black leather or vinyl without ornamentation with or without fold over flap, with or without single silver or gold colored clasp. Purse may have adjustable shoulder strap with or without buckles; may be patent leather or high gloss not to exceed 13 x 9 x 4 1/2-inches deep.
	(Clutch Style)	Plain black smooth or scotch-grain leather, patent leather or high gloss, or man-made material without ornamentation. Purse will be no larger than 6 1/2 x 11 inches or smaller than 5 x 9 inches. It must have a concealed closure and may have a wrist strap.

Table 2-4. Men's and Women's Flight Suit		
L I N E	Item	Wear Instruction/Materials
1	Flight Suit	Green NOMEX may be worn by CAP members. Flight crew members electing to wear this flight suit with grade insignia must meet the weight and grooming standards.
2	Flight Jacket	The green flight jacket is the only outer garment authorized for wear with the green AF-style flight suit. Grade insignia, CAP command patch, American flag and leather name patch is worn. The member has the option of wearing the same optional patches on the flight jacket as worn on the flight suit. The Air Force brown leather flight jacket is NOT authorized with this or any Air Force style uniform.
3	Footwear	Any style leather, plain black shoe or boot may be worn. No western style boots (Ropers and Wellingtons are acceptable). For safety reasons, mesh style boots are not recommended with flying clothing.
4	Undergarments	White, black or brown T-shirts are authorized. All appropriate underwear will be worn.
5	Socks	Black socks or neutral hose are to be worn.
6	Headgear	Flight cap or CAP baseball cap for both men and women.

Table 2-5. Clothing/Accessory Standards		
I T E M	To Present the proper military image	Will be:
1	Clothing	Neat, clean, pressed, proper fit, in good condition, zipped, snapped or buttoned.
2	Footwear	Shined, in good repair.
3	Watch	Conservative.
4	Bracelet	Conservative, no wider than one inch, and not present a safety hazard.
5	Rings	A maximum of three conservative rings may be worn at any time.
6	Earrings	Men do not wear. Women may wear small spherical, conservative, diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver pierced or clip earrings. Fit tightly without extending below earlobe except for connecting band on clip earrings. Only one earring per earlobe.
7	Tattoos/Brands	Excessive tattoos/brands will not be exposed or visible (includes visible through the uniform) while in uniform. Excessive is defined as any tattoo/brands that exceed 1/4 of the exposed body part and those above the collarbone and readily visible when wearing an open collar uniform.
8	Body Piercing	Members are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue, or any exposed body part (includes visible through the uniform) when in uniform. EXCEPTION: Women are authorized to wear one small spherical, conservative, diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver pierced, or clip earring per earlobe and the earring worn in each earlobe must match. Earring should fit tightly without extending below the earlobe. (EXCEPTION: Connecting band on clip earrings.) Civilian Attire: (1) <i>Official duty:</i> Members are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue, or any exposed body part (includes visible through clothing) when representing CAP in civilian attire. EXCEPTION: Women are authorized to wear one earring per earlobe and the earring worn in each earlobe must match. The type and style of earrings worn by women on a military installation should be conservative and kept within sensible limits. (2) <i>Off duty on a military installation when there with CAP activities:</i> Members are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue, or any exposed body part (includes visible through clothing). EXCEPTION: Piercing of earlobes by women is allowed, but should not be extreme or excessive. The type and style of earrings worn by women on a military installation should be conservative and kept within sensible limits.

Table 2-5. Clothing/Accessory Standards		
I T E M	To Present the proper military image	Will be:
9	Eyeglasses, Sunglasses	Free of ornamentation on frames and lenses. Conservative, clear, slightly tinted or photosensitive lenses indoors or in formation. Conservative lenses and frames outdoors (faddish styles and mirrored lenses prohibited). No sunglasses in formation. Not worn around the neck.
10	Necklaces	Concealed under collar or undershirt.
11	Pens and Pencils	Concealed. EXCEPTIONS: When carried in pen/pencil compartment of BDU, flight suit or flight jacket.
11	Pagers, Cellular Phone, Two-way Radio	Clipped to waistband or purse, or carried in left hand. Only one is authorized.
13	Headphones and Earphones	Prohibited unless required to perform duties.
14	Umbrella	Plain, black or dark blue, carried in either hand but must not interfere with salute.
15	Attaché Case, Gym Bag, Back Pack, and Women's Purses	May be carried in either hand as long as they do not interfere with rendering proper military courtesies. (EXCEPTION: Members wear backpack using both shoulder straps when riding two-wheeled vehicles or using crutches.)
16	Religious Head Coverings	Indoors: Plain, dark blue, or black without ornamentation. Outdoors: May be worn underneath military headgear if does not interfere with proper fit or appearance of the headgear. For example, Jewish yarmulkes meet this requirement if they do not exceed 6 inches in diameter.
17	"Camel Pack" Water Containers	Authorized for use with BDUs only, in hot weather conditions, with or without built-in backpack. Will be black, brown, or camouflaged.

CHAPTER 3 – CIVIL AIR PATROL HONOR GUARD UNIFORM

3-1. General. This chapter prescribes the standardized uniform worn by Civil Air Patrol Honor Guards. This uniform is approved for wear during Honor Guard duties and performances only. National Cadet Competition Drill Teams, Color Guards or other CAP special teams will not wear this uniform. The Honor Guard Uniform consists of the service dress uniform coat with epaulets and slacks/trousers, male service cap with cadet officer cap device, white ascot with Honor Guard patch, metallic silver shoulder cord, white pistol belt, white gloves, and a brown non-operating parade rifle with white leather sling. Either the old or new style of service dress may be worn; however, all members of an Honor Guard should be in the same style. Bayonets, swords, or sabers will not be used under any circumstances. This uniform is authorized for year-round wear. The Colors Element flag bearers will wear white flag slings instead of white pistol belts. The guards will wear pistol belts. See table 3-1 for specific uniform requirements.

3-2. Wear Instructions and Grooming Standards. Since this uniform is a specialized uniform worn in a specific way, wearing instructions and grooming standards are included in this chapter. Honor Guard members may find it beneficial to have two Service Dress Uniforms, one for everyday CAP wear and one for Honor Guard performances, and two pair of low quarter shoes, one pair with the Honor Guard taps and one without. See table 3-2 for specific wear and grooming instructions.

3-3. Use of Air Force Honor Guard Uniforms or Equipment. The use of Air Force Honor Guard uniforms or equipment is prohibited. This includes Base Honor Guards, The Air Force Honor Guard (based at Bolling AFB, DC) and USAF Honor Guard uniforms purchased or procured by any means.



Service Dress Honor Guard Uniform



Blue Short Sleeve Honor Guard Uniform

NOTES:

1. Worn same as Men's and Women's Service Dress Uniform as shown in Figures 2-2 and 2-10.
EXCEPTION: Ribbons must be worn on light-blue AF-style shirt when worn as outer garment.
2. Shoulder Cord: Silver, Army-style, worn on left shoulder next to shoulder seam.
3. Pistol Belt: White, 2 1/16-inch wide, with nickel-plated buckle and keepers.
4. Gloves: White parade gloves.
5. Ascot: White with Honor Guard patch centered 3 1/2-inches below neckband.
6. Headgear: Male service cap with cadet officer cap device and rear chinstrap.
7. Parade Rifle: Brown with white leather sling, non-operating.

Figure 3-1. Men's and Women's Honor Guard Uniform (Cadets Only)

Table 3-1. Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard Uniform		
L I N E	Item	Description/Material
1	Coat	Standard Blue Service Uniform coat with epaulets will be worn. Either style may be worn; however, all members of the team should be the same. Coat and slacks/trousers will match in shade and material. All appropriate insignia will be worn.
2	Slacks and Trousers	Standard slacks/trousers matching the coat. Female team members will wear slacks. Slacks/trousers will be worn without the blue belt while performing.
3	White Pistol Belt and Buckle	A 2 1/16-inch white pistol belt with nickel-plated large buckle and keepers. All members except flag bearers will wear the belt.
4	Headgear	All members will wear male service cap with cadet officer cap device; in addition to the front chinstrap, a functional rear chinstrap with buckle will be worn. When performing, the rear chinstrap will be placed under the member's chin. This is a safety factor.
5	Gloves	White parade gloves will be worn when performing. Non-slip palm is recommended.
6	Shirt and Blouse	Blue Short Sleeve shirt or blouse (Tuck-in style) without tie/tab may be worn when conditions are too hot for the wear of the Service Dress Uniform coat. All appropriate insignia will be worn. Flag bearers will wear the blue service belt.
7	Socks	All members will wear plain, black socks with the Honor Guard Uniform.
8	Footwear	Low quarter (double or triple-soled authorized), high gloss or poromeric with metal horseshoe taps on heels only.
9	Outergarments	All-weather coat or overcoat may be worn. The Lightweight Jacket may be worn to and from performances to prevent the service coat being wrinkled in travel.
10	Ascot	White ascot with Honor Guard patch centered 3 1/2-inches below neckband.
11	Shoulder Cord	Metallic silver shoulder cord (same style as Cadet Advisory Council cords) will be worn under the epaulet at the shoulder seam. Shoulder cord should be pinned under the epaulet as well as front and back to keep cord in place during performances.
12	Parade Rifle	Brown with white leather sling, molded polystyrene, and non-operating. Wood rifles will break during the various rifle movements. BAYONETS WILL NOT BE USED.

Table 3-2. Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard Uniform Wear Instructions and Grooming Standards.

L I N E	Item	Instructions
1	Male Service Cap	<p>The Male Service Cap is to be worn by all members of the Honor Guard. When the cap is not worn, it is to be carried under the left arm with crown (top) toward the arm and the visor to the front. When cap is to be placed on the head, place the thumb on one side of the cap above the visor, two fingers on the top above the insignia, and the remainder of the fingers on the other side above the visor. Do not touch the visor.</p> <p>Securing the black leather rear chin strap into the “up” position: (1) Unscrew the two chrome cap buttons holding the front chin strap in position; (2) Place the rear chin strap so that the strap buckle is to the right of center when viewed from the rear; (3) Screw the chrome cap buttons into place ensuring the wings are in the up position. During a performance, the rear chinstrap will be worn down under the chin.</p> <p>Whenever you wear the all-weather coat for a ceremony, you must wear the blue rain cover over the service cap. Roll the rain cover underneath the back edges of the service cap to produce a snug fit and neat appearance. Rolling the rain cover should be done anytime you wear the service cap, regardless of performing a ceremony or not. Helmets or helmet liners will not be used.</p>
2	Service Dress Coat	<p>Iron the lapels of the coat down to ensure all buttons of the coat are displayed. When blousing (tucking) a service dress uniform coat, a minimum of two people should be used; the person being bloused (tucked), the “blousee,” and the person blousing the member, the “blouser.” Adjust the web belt to fit very tightly around the waist. The web belt will rest between the second and third button of your uniform (new uniform) or third and fourth button (old uniform) parallel to the ground all around. The belt will initially feel tight but the discomfort will diminish over time. The “blousee” should hold the belt in the approximate position where the belt will be fastened with some slack being provided for the “blouser’s” hands. The “blouser” positions his/her hands along two side seams on the back of the coat. The “blouser” will pull the excess material from the front of the uniform and fold it underneath the two side seams with the edge of the fold toward the arms. When bloused, the entire uniform will appear neat, wrinkle-free, and without bunches. The “blousee” then fastens the belt in front and checks for comfort and appearance. The “blouser” re-checks the felt and places the two keepers two-finger widths from the nickel belt buckle on both sides of the buckle.</p>
3	Shirt	<p>Worn with all appropriate insignia. The pistol belt and shoulder cord is worn as with Service Dress coat. Shirt/blouse will be well ironed using sizing with sharp creases in both sleeves including the shoulder patch. Creases must be centered on the epaulet of the shirt/blouse. No other creases are authorized.</p>

Line	Item	Instructions
4	Shoulder Cord	<p>The shoulder cord should fit snugly along the shoulder seam of the coat. <i>(TIP: Use three large safety pins to secure the shoulder cord from underneath the coat. One should be placed on the top of the shoulder under the epaulet. The second, in the front of the coat near the opening of the armpit. The third, in the rear of the coat near the opening of the armpit.)</i></p> <p>Cadet officer's shoulder boards will be secured by sewing a piece of material to the underside of the shoulder board to form an epaulet sleeve. The coat epaulet is then placed in the shoulder board sleeve.</p>
5	Service Dress Slacks/Trousers	<p>When sitting down in service dress slacks/trousers, be sure to roll the excess material located under the knees into a neat fold to prevent wrinkling. Female Honor Guard members will wear slacks. The trousers or slacks of the Service Dress Uniform will not be bloused nor will leggings be worn.</p>
6	Low Quarter Shoes	<p>Leather low quarters are the shoe of choice, but high gloss or poromeric may be worn. The shoes will be clean and well shined. Use edge dressing on the soles and heels of the shoes. Tuck the bows on the shoestrings into the shoe. Horseshoe taps will be worn on the heel of the shoe. Small (approximately 2" x 1") rectangular metal plates will be worn centered on the inside heel edge. Place rubber washers between the tap and the heel so that the tap protrudes about 1/2-inch (these are called "cheaters") as needed. Make sure the "Cheaters" are rounded on all four sides so not to destroy the trousers. All members will wear black socks. White shoelaces will not be used.</p>
7	White Pistol Belt	<p>The white pistol belt, with nickel hardware and buckle, should be worn during the performance only. It is to be worn very tight (should be able to put only one finger between the belt and uniform) with the nickel keepers two fingers widths from the buckle on each side.</p>
8	White Gloves	<p>Worn with the top of the glove just above the wrist providing a neat appearance. It may become necessary to tape the gloves. If this becomes necessary, use only white first aid tape. Plastic-dotted non-slip palm white gloves are recommended. Do not add resin or any other substance to the glove, as this becomes a safety hazard by making the rifle very slippery. When not worn, fold with palm out, place under web belt so that top of gloves fold over the to of the belt. Gloves are to be removed from the hands after performance and placed under the belt.</p>
9	Ascot	<p>A white ascot with a center crease. The Honor Guard patch (creased) will be centered 1/2-inch from the bottom of the fold after folding the neckband over twice. The ascot will be pulled and pinned at the bottom through the center crease to the T-shirt with a safety pin. Also pin the ascot on each side with additional safety pins. Secure the ascot behind the neck so you cannot place the little finger between the material and the back of the neck. Pin or tape with white tape, if necessary, to prevent the ends showing outside of the uniform coat. The use of shirt garters (attached to the ascot and the trousers/slacks) is permitted as long as they do not show or will not come undone during the performance.</p>

Table 3-2. Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard Uniform Wear Instructions and Grooming Standards.		
L I N E	Item	Instructions
10	All-Weather Coat	The coat will be wrinkle free. The belt loops should be removed from the coat for blousing purposes.
11	Colors Element	Flag bearers wear flag slings instead of the white pistol belts. The flag sling shoulder straps will go under the epaulets. The trousers or slacks of the Service Dress Uniform will not be bloused. Leggings, helmets, helmet liners, or white shoelaces will not be used.
12	Grooming Standards	All grooming standards will be met. The only jewelry accepted is small silver ball earrings (or none at all) for the females. Watches are not to be worn while in Honor Guard Uniform.